

## 2nd Front Cry From All Sides

### FIGHTING FRENCH—

From Statement by Spokesman in London, March 8, reported by United Press:  
"The whole present-day situation [in Nazi-occupied France] is causing the deepest anxiety to Gen. Charles de Gaulle. . . .



GENERAL DE GAULLE

"The question of opening a Western Front is military . . . but it can do no harm to emphasize the dreadful consequences of every single hour's delay in landing in France."

The spokesman added that "the ranks of underground organizations are swelling. The number of guerrilla fighters, particularly, has doubled and trebled in recent weeks."

### UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS, CIO—

From Statement by General Executive Board, March 12:  
"To bring Hitler and his Japanese allies to quick disaster, this International Union considers it absolutely imperative that the decisions of the recent Casablanca conference be immediately carried out."

"Now, with Hitler staggering under the blows of our Soviet ally, invasion of Europe to bring about the unconditional surrender of the Axis is imperative. Defeat for the Axis in 1943 is the battle cry of America's people and those of the United Nations."

### NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE—

From Editorial, "Retreat in Russia," March 11:  
"The territory taken or lost does not greatly matter. What does matter is that the Germans are fighting as brilliant a strategic defensive in Russia on the large scale as they are in Tunisia on a smaller one. The only way to overcome it is for America and Britain to hit them hard, where it hurts, and soon, in a manner calculated to disrupt the advantages of strategic maneuver and adroitness. Combined, co-ordinated and effective striking power is the only answer."

### PRAYDA, Soviet Daily Newspaper—

From Editorial Statement reported by United Press, March 11:  
"The Red Army alone, owing to the lack of a Second Front in Europe, is bearing the whole weight of the struggle against the hordes of Hitler and his vassals, for whom the entire continent's war industry is working."

### FOREIGN MINISTER TRYGVE LIE—

Norwegian Government in Exile:  
The New York Times reported (March 12) in a dispatch from Washington, D. C.:  
"Foreign Minister Trygve Lie of the Norwegian Government-in-Exile said today the Norwegian people would willingly undergo any hardships caused by an Allied invasion through Norway."

### THE NEW YORK TIMES—

From Editorial, "The Germans Strike Back," March 11:  
"The lessons for the Allies are obvious. Unless we strike soon, the Germans will. And if they do, the war will be prolonged, to say the least. The need of the hour is therefore not quarrels about the peace but the closest possible cooperation in the winning of the war."

## CIO Wins Queens Hospital Probe

By Michael Singer

Credmore State Hospital in Queens is going to be cleaned up. Hope that the 4,500 mental patients there might be saved from the deadly amebic dysentery epidemic that has already taken three lives and seriously stricken scores more, came after weeks of warnings and exposures by CIO civil service workers at the hospital.

Unrelenting pressure on Governor Dewey from Local 70 of the State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO, won an order from him yesterday for immediate investigation of conditions at Credmore. The United Press said that he acted after receiving "many reports" including a strenuous complaint from State Senator Seymour Halpern, who conducted a private inquiry. Dewey has appointed Archie O. Lawton of New York to carry out the investigation which began yesterday morning.

Here are some facts on Credmore and the union's story behind the epidemic:

Credmore is one of the largest mental hygiene institutions in the country with 87 buildings and 4,500 patients.

Last year six persons died between September and January. Since January one doctor, nine attendants and 16 patients have been stricken. Of these 26 cases, (Continued on Page 4)

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## RED ARMY TAKES VYAZMA; KHARKOV FIGHTING CRITICAL

## House Knifes Big Salary Ban

## Willkie Pleads in Schneiderman Case

## Vote Hits FDR War Powers

## Eden Arrives Here For Allied Talks

## 9,000 Nazis Die at Vyazma, Much Booty

LONDON, March 12 (UP).

A special Soviet communiqué today announced the capture by storm of Vyazma, last of the great German salients pointed at Moscow, and said an enormous quantity of war spoils was taken in a battle which had cost the Germans more than 9,000 men killed.

Meanwhile, it was indicated that one of the bloodiest battles of the war was raging in the vicinity of Kharkov, fourth Soviet city, into which a triumphant Red Army had fought its way 34 days ago.

(German broadcasts claimed that the Nazis had broken into the Red Square in the center of Kharkov at noon Friday and that the northern and western sections were in German hands while "extremely fierce" fighting continued in the southern section.)

The midnight Soviet communiqué admitted that west of Kharkov the Red Army, after a bloody battle against odds, had been compelled to abandon an inhabited place and fall back to a new defense position. South of the city a single unit had repelled eight German attacks, knocking out 23 tanks and killing 800 Germans, while Soviet planes shot down 26 German craft.

In the Izium sector of the Donets southeast of Kharkov, the Soviet forces holding their bridgeheads beat off an attack by 3,000 Germans with 40 tanks, destroying four tanks and killing 300 enemy troops, the communiqué said.

In another Izium sector the Soviets knocked out seven out of 30 attacking tanks, it was said, and killed 300 Germans.

**STORMOVES IN ACTION**  
Red Army Stormtroop planes went into action in the Oril area, midway between Kharkov and Moscow, and in an attack on a German airplane destroyed 15 German planes and damaged 20, the communiqué said.

Developing their capture of Vyazma the Soviets struck down (Continued on Page 3)

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 12.—In the high-ceilinged Supreme Court against a background of heavy red velvet drapes and a panel of Grecian friezes, Wendell L. Willkie today defended the right of William Schneiderman, West Coast Communist leader, to remain a citizen of the United States.

The Department of Justice is attempting to deprive Schneiderman of his citizenship because he was a Communist at the time he was naturalized.

Much of today's 3-hour argument before the Supreme Court was, of necessity, decidedly technical. But there were big questions involved in the presentation of the defense by Willkie and of the government's case by Solicitor General Charles Fahy.

This was shown by the intense interest evidenced in the argument by the entire Supreme Court, and particularly by Justices Hugo Black, William O. Douglas and Wiley Rutledge, the newest appointee to the high court in the broader civil liberties questions involved.

**JEFFERSON, TOO**  
Solicitor General Fahy based his case on the contention that the Communist Party advocates "the complete destruction of our form of government."

Justice Rutledge wanted to know if Fahy's indictment of the Communist Party as allegedly advocating violence would not also "apply to Thomas Jefferson."

"Is it the argument of the government that neither a Socialist or a Communist can be a citizen of the United States?" Justice Rutledge asked Fahy.

Justice Black sent for a reference volume from which he read a quotation from Thomas Jefferson strongly defending the civil rights of political dissenters.

Willkie made out a strong case for Schneiderman on the basis of his flawless record as a citizen.

**SCHNEIDERMAN QUALIFIED**  
"I believe that there are few young men who came to the naturalization court as well qualified for citizenship as William Schneiderman," Willkie said.

Willkie contended there was "no active fraud" on Schneiderman's part in not informing the Court that he was a Communist for the simple reason that he was never asked.

The former Republican Presidential candidate went further, and touched on the really basic issue involved in the case.

"No one is anything," he declared. "That there are comrades."

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(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The same Congressmen who demand that war workers shall not get any adjustment of wages to meet rising prices today voted to junk President Roosevelt's order limiting wartime salaries to \$87,000 (\$25,000 after deductions of fixed expenses).

The voting down of the salary limit by a vote of 268-131 was not only a slap at President Roosevelt's anti-inflation economic plan for an ability-to-pay policy, but it is being hailed in the House as the opening gun in a fight to cripple the President's own war powers.

At the same time, the Republican Party leaders in the House, led by Rep. Martin (Mass.) officially adopted the Ruml Plan which urges that the government cancel the 1943 tax debts of the upper brackets just when the country needs more funds for the war effort.

Martin announced that he would lead a fight to get the Ruml Plan adopted on the floor of the House after President Roosevelt told a press conference that he thought the Congress and the country ought to know that it would benefit the wealthier income groups far more than any other group in the population.

The House Ways and Means Committee also voted today to supplement the already approved 20 per cent withholding tax plan with an inducement system affording a three per cent discount to income taxpayers who can pay their 1943 taxes by June (Only the wealthier would benefit from this.)

This optional scheme is designed to compensate in part for the lack of a mandatory pay-as-you-go feature in the withholding plan. Under the originally approved arrangement, taxpayers would not be compensated.

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## FDR to See Victor Of Bismarck Sea

WASHINGTON, March 12 (UP).

President Roosevelt said today that he plans to confer soon with Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Southwest Pacific Allied Airforce which annihilated a 23-ship Japanese convoy in the Bismarck Sea last week.

Kenney and other members of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff came here recently and have been conferring with war chiefs.

WASHINGTON, March 12 (UP).—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived here tonight to help prepare the groundwork for historic United Nations conferences looking toward post-war cooperative action among all the allies.

His arrival was announced by the White House, which said he came here on invitation of the government.

The announcement said he was here "to undertake a general exchange of views with the United States government on all aspects of the war situation, and to discuss the most effective method of preparing for meetings between the governments of all United Nations to consider questions arising out of the war."

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## Spanish Guerrillas Are Still Fighting

Spanish Republican guerrillas are still fighting in the mountains of Asturias, near Teruel, Santander and in Andalusia, Angel Moreno, Spanish youth leader, told a meeting of Republican Spanish refugees in London, according to Intercontinent News.

In some districts, said Moreno, the guerrillas have contacted Republicans imprisoned in the concentration camps, and working in Franco's labor battalions. Food is often smuggled to the prisoners as well as the illegal anti-fascist paper, *Firmes*.

The London meeting, at which the former premier Dr. Juan Negrin was present, hailed the guerrillas as carrying forward the traditions of El Empecinado, the famed warrior for Spanish independence of Napoleonic times.

## Rommel Retreats in Mareth Line Sector

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, March 12 (UP).—The British Eighth Army has thrown the Germans into retreat in the Ksar Rhilane area west of the Mareth Line, aided by Allied planes which wrecked 21 armored machines and seven big guns, it was announced tonight.

A supplement to the regular Allied communiqué said the enemy had "withdrawn to the north" from the Ksar Rhilane area on the edge of the desert, stripped of better than two-thirds of the 30 armored cars which spearheaded the Axis attack on the Eighth Army last Wednesday.

The British First Army of northern Tunisia meanwhile had beaten off three new German attacks in the Sedjenane area.

Standing fast on the ridges protecting the supply avenues to Beja and Medjed-el-Bab, the First Army inflicted heavy losses on the Nazis in a full day of fighting yesterday, official advisers said, and at nightfall "we held all the forward areas."

Marshal Erwin Rommel's right flank was doubly menaced. In addition to the British penetration to the Ksar Rhilane area, a French column had executed an even wider hour around the Great Salt Lakes, veering eastward to seize Metlaoui and threaten Gafsa. (A French communiqué broadcast by the Algiers Radio said the French Camel Corps in cooperation with Fighting Frenchmen from the Chad had thrown back enemy attacks on the southwest front while to the north other French forces had raided enemy posts east of Ousselila, seizing German prisoners.)

The Central Tunisia sector was quiet momentarily except for patrol activity but Allied air forces kept up their constant campaign of attrition against enemy bases and supplies in the African theatre.

## Nab Two Nazi Officers in Chile

TALCA, Chile, March 12 (UP).

Walter Blumel and Francisco Kraus, both German nationals and former officers in the German army, were arrested today while reconnoitering a bridge over the Claro River near here. Both have been living in Santiago.

Police suspect them of espionage. They had many maps and pictures of port construction.

## DeGaullists Repeat Call to Invade France

LONDON, March 12 (UP).—The Fighting French tonight "invited" the population of France to fight mobilization of slave labor for German war factories and called on the United Nations to move quickly toward invasion of the continent.

A strongly worded statement issued by Gen. Charles de Gaulle's French National Committee said it was "relying on the complete and speedy cooperation of the Allies of France . . . so that the general uprising of the martyred nations may be synchronized with battles of liberation."

As the Fighting French call to action was issued, sabotage and guerrilla warfare were growing throughout Nazi occupied Europe, particularly in France.

### DE GAULLISTS MEET

The De Gaulle statement followed a lengthy meeting of the French National Committee at which De Gaulle presided.

"For several weeks," it said, "the enemy no longer has restricted himself to recruiting by force workers for use in his war industries but has proclaimed wholesale deportations which have the object of denuding France of active sections of the population and exploit that section against the nation."

"The National Committee invites the French population to oppose by destruction and sabotage all regulations and mobilizations effected with complicity of the pseudo-government of Vichy and give all possible aid to those who refuse to submit."

"The National Committee is relying on the complete and speedy support of the Allies of France so (Continued on Page 3)

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## Farm Labor Aid Slashed in House

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The House Appropriations Committee today slashed an Agricultural Department request for funds to help solve the farm labor shortage from \$65,075,000 to \$36,100,000.

The Appropriations Committee specified that the money is to be used entirely by State Extension Services and by joint federal-state agencies. This is a direct slap at the Farm Security Administration, the agency for which the bulk of the funds requested by the Agricultural Department was intended.

The Farm Security Administration has been doing an effective job in transporting farm labor from areas where it is not essential to those places where it is most needed. FSA housed and transported 65,000 workers, organized in mobile units that follow the crops all year 'round.

The purpose of the Department request was to expand this program by recruiting and providing for an additional 350,000 seasonal workers, for movement of 42,000 year-round workers, for mobilization of local labor supplies, including women and 200,000 farm youth, and for the organization of 250 additional mobile camps with a total of 100,000 workers, in addition to maintaining those already set up.

The House Appropriations Committee action is intended to cripple the movement of workers from non-essential farm areas to essential areas, and to kill the FSA policy of guaranteeing minimum wages and decent conditions to farm labor.

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## A Warning to War Mothers-- Keep Away from Rickenbacker

(Special to the Daily Worker)

INDIANAPOLIS, March 12.—After a brief silence, Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker renewed his attack upon organized labor and the Roosevelt Administration with a proposal for the organization of the War Mothers' Club.

The chief task of the projected organization, Rickenbacker made clear in a speech before the National Foundation for the Education of American Citizens, would be to support repressive anti-labor legislation.

Again describing organized labor as composed of "racketeers," Rickenbacker called for "a new union, a union of the people of the U. S. who would forget the money and political angles of the war."

He added: "This is a strike to end all strikes."

Refraining from any comment on war profiteering, the airplane executive again sounded off on "slow down of work" in war production plants.

Rickenbacker outlined a six-point program for the War Mothers' Club he proposed, one of them being "to work for and support legislation that will prohibit strikes in any

Consolidated-Edison has made available the mailing list of its employees to "American Viewpoint, Inc." to circulate the anti-labor attacks of Edward Rickenbacker, President of Eastern Airlines.

This was learned yesterday as employees of the big utility received copies of a Rickenbacker speech titled "We Prayed" in envelopes addressed on the company's addressograph bearing the payroll number of the addressed person.

American Viewpoint, Inc., with offices at 122 West 42nd St., New York, says it is "dedicated to safeguarding and perpetuating the American way of life." Listed among its sponsors are anti-Roosevelt elements of various shadings, among them James A. Farley, Mrs. Julius Ochs Adler, wife of the publisher; Thomas J. Curran, New York Secretary of State and Republican leader.

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plant engaged in war production while the war is in progress."

That this is a false issue, created by Rickenbacker and his backers in the National Association of Manufacturers is indicated by his general campaign against organized labor and his espousal of defeatist-apartheid forces.



## Vyazma and Kharkov

By a Veteran Commander

THE Soviet threat to Vyazma (as of Friday morning) and the German threat to Kharkov are developing simultaneously. Thus, for the first time during the German-Soviet war the front is the scenes of two offensives driving in opposite directions.

### On the War Fronts

Such a development is the sign of a radically changed correlation of forces of the contending sides. This correlation has distinctly improved since last year. Of this there is no doubt.

However, let us assume for a moment that the Red Army captures Vyazma (which it will probably do, if it has not already done so at this writing) and that the Germans capture Kharkov (which is not a foregone conclusion, but a possibility). Will the success offset the failure? We are sorry to report that in our considered opinion it will hardly do so.

Such an opinion is based on the weather factor: as we pointed out repeatedly, the Red Army is racing against the Spring thaw. Thus, if the Germans take Kharkov, they will be faced with drying ground and on early Spring and will be able to develop their offensive in the general direction of Voronezh. On the other hand, if the Red Army captures Vyazma, it will be heading into an ever increasing thaw and will presumably reach the main fortified area around Smolensk precisely at the time when its transport will unavoidably bog down in the slush and mud of the Central Front. It will hardly be able to make a dent in the Smolensk-Bryansk defenses of the enemy before the terrain becomes dissolved by the Spring. The same reasoning applies to the Ilmen sector where the Red Army will hardly be able to reach the crucial junction of Dno before the thaw sets in.

Hitler will continue to pump reserves into the Southern Front, denuding Europe where he seems to feel completely at ease and acting upon the seemingly correct assumption that the Red Army is his only dangerous foe, at least on land.

These considerations should plainly show to any thinking person that the opening of a Second Front in Europe NOW is an absolute necessity. And by NOW we mean IMMEDIATELY. Some may ask: how can you demand that such a great operation be mounted in so short a time? The answer is simple: IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED LONG AGO. Anybody who knows the ABC of warfare should have known that it would be imperative. And, God knows, there has been no lack of warnings on this score. If we are not ready, the question arises: WHY aren't we ready?

It is of common knowledge that the Germans never had more than some fifty divisions in Western Europe. We know that 31 of these have been withdrawn to the Eastern Front since Nov. 19, 1942. This leaves 19 divisions. Can't we tackle the equivalent of what the garrison of Kharkov ALONE is tackling?

The answer should be given with the voice of guns IN EUROPE.

## 'Detroit News' Writer Flays Polish Fascists

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

A very clear understanding of the role of the Polish fascist in England and America is shown by a columnist in the Detroit News. Philip A. Adler, clippings of whose recent articles have been sent to us by a Daily Worker reader.

Mr. Adler describes the anti-Soviet activity of these cliques, who make outrageous attacks on the Soviet Union in the Polish publications they control.

"The ultimate aim of this propaganda is precisely the same as that revealed in the recent 'peace talks' of Joseph Goebbels, in Berlin, and of Virginia Gayda, in Rome," Mr. Adler writes. "It is precisely the thing against which the American public has been repeatedly warned by President Roosevelt, by our Department of State, the Department of Justice, the War Department and the OWI."

Adler quotes also from British dispatches to the Toronto Evening Telegram concerning the "very delicate" situation that has arisen in recent weeks in Soviet-Polish relations. Pointing out that General Wladyslaw Sikorski, Polish premier, had made a friendship pact with the Soviet government in 1941, Adler concludes from the above-mentioned British dispatch, pointing out that certain Polish papers in London "resemble German papers more than Allied papers in their treatment of the news."

These Polish groups were angered by the Soviet-Polish alliance concluded by Sikorski, and are renewing their old pro-fascist line.

### ANDERS RELEASED

In praising the Soviet Union's friendly attitude toward Poland, Adler pointed out that the Polish General Wladyslaw Anders, who had fought against the Soviets in the past, was released from Soviet internment as soon as the Soviet-Polish 1941 pact was made, along with thousands of Polish soldiers evacuated when the Red Army marched into Poland in 1939. Furthermore, Anders was allowed to drill a newly organized Polish army on Soviet soil, and then to transport this army to Iraq, where it now is.

Adler also told again the oft-told story of the "Ourson Line," the boundary line between Poland and Soviet Russia set up by the Supreme Allied Council in 1919, after the first World War.

The main point is that the line was set and agreed to by all parties, then the Polish government in 1920 overstepped the line by some 125 miles and seized some Soviet territory in Byelorussia and the Ukraine. The Polish Act was condemned by the Allies in the so-called Treaty of Riga, and it was not until

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## China Pillories 16 Profiteers

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

CHUNGKING, March 12 (UP).—Sixteen "treacherous" merchants were paraded through the main thoroughfares of Chungking today during ceremonies marking the 18th anniversary of the death of Sun Yat-Sen, father of the Chinese Republic.

The merchants, including the owner of a big Chungking department store, had been arrested during the past month on charges of violating price ceilings on commodities and of smuggling food. All wore Tibetan-style paper hats and paper waistcoats on which their names and offenses were written.

## Secret Order To Chetniks Reveals Plan

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 12.—Conclusive proof of how Draza Mihailovich's "Chetniks" are cooperating with the Axis offensive in Yugoslavia against the People's Army was made public in the broadcast by the radio "Free Yugoslavia" of an Order from Mihailovich's staff, giving plans of an attack on the partisans holding the town of Konica.

Earlier last week the radio charged, that while the Axis was attacking from the north of the Mosier-Sarajevo line, Mihailovich's men had attacked from the south. It was this treachery which prevented the partisans from taking Konica, 30 miles southwest of Sarajevo, in the general victory they scored late in February against the German, Italian and Croatian fascists north of the Dretva river.

This Chetnik Order, broadcast by Free Yugoslavia, begins as follows: "CHIEF HEADQUARTERS, NUMBER 18, February 25, 1943."

"Operative Order of commander of the Montenegrin and Herzegovinian Detachment."

"February 25, 1943."

"(With map of Konica-Frosor-Nevesine-Mostar area)."

The Order continues with detailed instructions to the Chetnik officers, listing 17 points. It is signed by Mihailovich's chief of staff, Capt. Vlad Drinic.

The Partisans are referred to throughout as "Communists," in the standard Goebbels technique. The Order specifically states that the Chetniks are to "launch an attack from all sides with the aim of routing the Communists in the valley of the Dretva River and of the River Dragnska, on the basis of the general instructions attached."

Passwords are given for the various days of the campaign, dozens of towns are named, detailed instructions as to food supplies are set down in the order.

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that the enemy may not have time to accomplish his aims so that the general uprising of the martyred nations may be synchronized with battles of liberation."

Reliable sources estimated that 25,000 French guerrillas and partisans already were resisting the Germans and Fighting French quarters said hundreds more were joining the guerrilla army daily.

Long hidden stores of weapons were being unearthed and used against the Germans, reports from the continent said. A French frontier dispatch said Nazi occupation authorities were making a systematic search for hidden arms.

Military quarters agreed that the guerrillas could play a major part in any invasion plans, attacking the enemy's communications and rear positions.

A survey of Allied governments disclosed that guerrilla forces were increasing in Poland, Yugoslavia, France, Greece, Albania and Austria. Armed patriot activity was beginning in Holland and Belgium where attacks against German communications and ammunition dumps were reported in the last few days.

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By Major K. Bukovsky

(Red Star War Correspondent)

MOSCOW, March 12 (ICN).—In February, as a result of stubborn battles, Soviet troops captured Kharkov and many Donbas cities and important railway and highway communications west, south-west and south of Kharkov. The forward units continued their advance towards the Dnieper.

With every passing day the Germans stiffened their resistance and launched a number of major counterattacks against the Soviet forward units, which were repulsed with no small losses for the enemy.

At the end of February the enemy counterattacks developed into a counteroffensive. The Germans brought up fresh forces from Germany, France, Belgium and from some sectors of the Soviet-German Front, as well as a recently formed SS corps, consisting of four tank and one motorized divisions.

In the Donbas proper the Germans hastily amassed an armored fist, and thus they achieved quite a substantial preponderance in strength. Precisely there in the Donbas and Kharkov area the Germans developed their counteroffensive, since a deep wedge driven by the Soviet troops in the south had resulted in the cutting of the most

## Liberated Soviet City Gets the News



A FEW HOURS after the Red Army had driven the Nazis from the town of Gushak trucks loaded with the latest newspapers telling of the success of the Soviet offensive arrived. Citizens of the newly liberated city are shown eagerly reaching for the papers being distributed by a Red Army man.

## Puerto Ricans Plea For Self-Government

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

President Roosevelt Tuesday asked Congress to pass legislation permitting the Puerto Rican people to elect their own governor.

This action followed passage of a resolution by the Island's own elected legislature calling for the end of the colonial system of government and

for the right of the Puerto Rican people to choose democratically their own political status.

The resolution took the form of a petition to the Congress of the United States. The President's request to Congress is in effect a response to the Puerto Rican petition.

News of the Puerto Rican legislature's action appeared in the Daily Worker of Feb. 12, accompanied by an editorial which concluded with these words:

"Labor especially ought to demand favorable action on the freedom petition of the Puerto Rican people to the American Congress."

Following is the full text of the concurrent resolution passed by the Puerto Rican Senate and House of Representatives, Feb. 10, 1943:

"To raise before the President and the Congress of the United States of America the right of the people of Puerto Rico to put an end to the system of colonial government and to decide democratically for themselves the permanent political status of Puerto Rico—as soon as possible, immediately if feasible."

WHEREAS, among all the political parties, civic and economic sectors of Puerto Rico the unanimous conviction prevails that the system of colonial government must be totally and definitely abolished;

WHEREAS, the form of determined political status which the people of Puerto Rico are to have democratically decided by the free vote of the people of Puerto Rico themselves;

WHEREAS, it is the unanimous desire of the people of Puerto Rico that, in accordance with their expressed will through the programs of all political parties, their per-

## 85,000 Strike In Argentina Against Axis

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, March 12 (ICN).—In spite of the strict censorship prevailing in Argentina, news has been received here that an important strike took place last Thursday in Buenos Aires and other large cities against the Castile government's pro-fascist policy.

Originally called by the construction, textile and metal workers' organizations in the capital, the one-day strike was supported by the labor federations of the provinces of Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Santa Fe.

These federations embrace the majority of unions within the three districts, which are the most important provinces in Argentina. It is calculated that 70,000 workers were involved in the city of Buenos Aires and 15,000 in the city of Avellaneda. However, the newspapers were forbidden to publish any news on the event other than the official communiques.

Police flooded the streets in greater numbers than have been seen for a long time in Buenos Aires.

In many colorful banners the workers demanded:

An end to the state of siege and restoration of all democratic rights. A break with the Axis.

Freedom for the arrested Communist leaders, Victorio Codovilla, Rodolfo Ghidoli, Juan Jose Real.

Freedom for the recently-arrested head of the National Construction Workers Union, Pedro Chiaranti.

## Italians Mutiny, Hanged by Nazis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 12.—Two trainloads of Italian soldiers who refused to fight against Russia arrived in February in the town of Uchneha in the Orel region, under German convoy.

On the following day, after humiliating their "allies" and beating them, the Germans selected a group of Italian soldiers and hanged them on the city square.

## Story of Nazi Counter Attack

Here is the background picture of the German counter-offensive in the north Donets Basin and west of Kharkov. RED STAR, for which Major Bukovsky wrote the article is the official Red Army newspaper.

Important enemy communications of Izum, Barvenkovo, Krasnoarmeyskoye and Pavlograd, and the loss of these towns deprived the Germans of the possibility to regroup their troops, and limited their maneuverability.

### THREE DIRECTIONS

The German counteroffensive at the end of February was launched in three directions: from the Krasnoarmeyskoye area in the direction of Kramatorskaya and Slavyansk, thence directing a second thrust wedge towards Barvenkovo, and simultaneously driving from the Pavlograd area towards Lozovaya.

The Germans calculated on encircling and destroying the forward Soviet troops, but failed. With their forward units waging stub-

born delaying battles, the Soviet troops, on order of their command, made a timely retreat to the Severn Donets line and there checked the enemy's counteroffensive.

The Soviet troops were up against tremendous odds. In a number of points the infantry had not yet reached the positions of the forward units. Therefore on some sectors the Soviet tankmen and artillerymen had to bear the full brunt of the unequal combat.

The fighting for Krasnoarmeyskoye was distinguished by great stubbornness. A Soviet tank unit which broke through there was attacked by German tanks and motorized infantry from the flank. For several days this unit fought a defensive action in the city, having organized a strong circumferential defense.

The numerous German attacks came to grief. The city and approaches were littered with dead German soldiers and officers and scores of charred tanks. Only after fully carrying out the task set them did the Soviet tankmen join with the infantry.

### REPULSE TANKS

With equal firmness and courage the Red Army men repulsed the enemy panzer attacks on Barven-

kovo and in the principal German direction—Lozovaya, where, as in the first direction, the Germans failed to achieve a decisive success.

The German attacks on Lozovaya were most furious, some of the support points changing hands two and three times. In the Slavyansk and Lisschansk area the Soviet units, following stubborn battles, also checked the German counteroffensive on the Severn-Donets line.

Enemy attempts to develop their success and cross the river met with strong resistance from the Soviet troops entrenched under cover of rearward units. After their tank wedges in the Severn Donets area had been blunted and their attempt to encircle the Soviet troops had failed, the Germans again regrouped their forces in the area south and west of Kharkov.

They are attacking the Soviet positions with their former fury, striving with the aid of their armored fists to break through to Kharkov. The fighting everywhere rages with great severity. The Germans are unable to crush the resistance of the Soviet troops which, repulsing the enemy attacks, are inflicting upon him tremendous losses.

## Polish Envoy Attacks Poles In Soviet Union

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Jan Ciechanowski, ambassador of the Polish government-in-exile to the United States was quoted by United Press yesterday as attacking the "Union of Polish Patriots," an organization recently formed in Moscow, whose paper, *Wolna Polska* (Free Poland) began to appear March 1.

Clearly alarmed at the general sympathy in the American press for the Soviet position on the issue of western Ukraine and Byelo-Russia, the ambassador transferred the plane of his government's dispute with the USSR to the characteristic anti-Communist level.

He said that *Wolna Polska* was the organ of a group of "Communists from Poland who are Soviet citizens," unaware, apparently, that this could be taken to mean an admission of Soviet sovereignty in the former Polish-governed territories.

He charged they were "allegedly Polish patriots," as though any group of Poles who disagreed with the government-in-exile was for that reason "un-Polish" or unpatriotic.

Ciechanowski also said that they could not be regarded as "expressing Polish opinions" as though any opinion from Polish Communists or Polish democrats was not entitled to be considered Polish if it disagreed with the anti-Soviet "colonels" in the Sikorski government.

*Wolna Polska*, whose first copy was summarized in Thursday's Daily Worker had sharply attacked the policy of passivity urged upon the Polish people by the government-in-exile. It reaffirmed the future of a strong, democratic Poland, but by contrast with the government in London, it completely disavowed any claims to territory inhabited largely by Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian peoples.

## More Details On Hess' Trip To England

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

LONDON, March 12 (UP).—Disclosing hitherto secret details of Rudolph Hess' sensational flight from Germany in a Messerschmitt-110 fighter plane, the official publication, "Roof Over Britain," related that the deputy Nazi chieftain brought along a map, a camera and pictures of his wife and child when he parachuted onto a Scottish farm.

Hess gave the name of Alfred Horn and said he had come from Munich in four hours. He explained that he carried an important message for the Duke of Hamilton.

When asked if he wanted to return to Germany, he shouted: "No, no, no."

When two anti-aircraft signalmen found him at a cottage he threw out his hands to show that they were empty. The publication's story gave no further details on Hess' trip.

## When the Nazis Were In Lozovaya

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

MOSCOW, March 12 (ICN).—Almost unbelievable acts of cruelty committed by the Nazis against young children were reported yesterday from Lozovaya by the correspondent of Pravda.

"I visited the notorious torture chamber No. 4 in German police headquarters," he wrote, "and helped Anastasia Perespina look for the bodies of her two sons, Valentin and Leonid, executed along with other inhabitants of the city."

"They were dressed in identical underwear," the mother kept repeating. She inspected body after body and suddenly stopped as if rooted to the ground, staring at a wall where I saw a child's drawing.

"Drawn with a nail or sharp stick on the wall was a cottage surrounded by trees, with the sun shedding its rays; and underneath was the name, Leonid Perespina, 11 years old. We found his body under a bench."

"Valentin was found by his mother under a heap of corpses. His chest and skull had been crushed by a jackboot."

"Another mother, Maria Skolovskaya, identified her boys, Volodya and Kolya. The four boys were all friends, and had been arrested by the Germans for picking up a leaflet dropped by a Soviet plane with news of the successful Soviet offensive."

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

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## Yanks Score Hits on Foe In Aleutians

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

WASHINGTON, March 12 (UP).—American airmen in the north Pacific, stepping up their offensive against the Japanese at Kiska in the western Aleutians, battered it in two attacks Wednesday when they scored hits on anti-aircraft batteries and buildings, the Navy announced today. They were the third and fourth raids this week on Kiska.

The communiques said the raids were made Wednesday morning and that all planes returned despite the anti-aircraft fire. On the first raid hits were scored in the target area, but apparently the greatest damage resulted from the second raid.

Big four-motored Liberator bombers, medium Mitchells and the trim Lightning Fighters composed the second force and after the heavy bombs blasted the targets the planes came in low and strafed the area.

The Navy also reported that in the Solomon Islands the U. S. fliers who Wednesday (Island Time), shot down four of 22 Japanese planes trying to attack Henderson Field, yesterday bombed Japanese bases at Kahili and Ballale in the Shortland Islands area, and Vila on Kolombangara. All of the U. S. planes returned.

## Welles Denies Spain Got U. S. Oil in Year

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles revealed today that no bulk shipments of oil have been made from the United States to Spain since February, 1942, and that any future shipments to Spain from South America will be subject to agreement of the British and American governments and their joint chiefs of staff.

In a letter to Chairman Earl Broom, D. N. Y., of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Welles said 277,347 metric tons of petroleum products were exported to Spain by the U. S. in 1941 and 17,771 metric tons in 1942.

"These are the only shipments made from the United States in the last two years. The last bulk shipment from this country occurred on Feb. 15, 1942," the undersecretary said.

Welles' letter was prompted by a statement made in Barcelona recently by American Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes that petroleum products now going to Spain were transported in Spanish tankers from sources in Latin America.

## Correction

At least a regiment of "grenadiers" must have gotten into Joseph Stroh's article on the Mexican fascist, Brito Foucher, in Wednesday's Daily Worker.

The Mexican Congressman who led the expose of Foucher in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies was Cesar Guasmueta, not Oscar, as the article had it.

Paragraph next to the last should have read: "What Brito Foucher has to contribute to our understanding of Latin America can be summarized by the word: zero." Yesterday, the word "zero" was unfortunately omitted.

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# Three Councilmen Block Cacchione Civil Rights Move

Three Democratic councilmen—Louis Cohen, Bronx, Anthony DiGiovanna, Brooklyn, and William Carroll, Manhattan—yesterday barred City Council action on a resolution asking the State Legislature to adopt a bill to strengthen the civil rights law of the state.

The Council resolution, introduced by Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, asks the Albany Legislature to adopt the bill of Senator Perry, of Harlem, which would outlaw racial discrimination in public housing apartments, civil service appointments and promotions, business licenses and in retail stores.

## NO PRECEDENT

Cacchione appeared at a meeting of the Committee on State Legislation and asked that his resolution be reported out.

Chairman Cohen of the committee opposed Cacchione's request, stating the Council cannot memorialize a higher body. Such resolutions have been adopted many times by the Council.

Thereupon Councilmen Carroll and DiGiovanna assailed the Cacchione resolution, stating they knew of no discrimination in the city.

Cacchione argued that strengthening of the civil rights code, which was necessary in peacetime, was doubly necessary now in time of a war which is being fought to strengthen civil rights all over the world.

Later Cacchione declared he was "shocked" at the attitude of DiGiovanna, stating the latter sprung from the Italian people who had suffered much racial discrimination.

Carroll, he said, could certainly not be blind to discrimination practiced against Negro people, inasmuch as Carroll is a councilman from Harlem, largest Negro community in the United States.

## Office Workers Here Hit City Sales Tax Rise

Twenty thousand organized white-collar workers of New York City were on record today in protest against the proposed increase in the city sales tax, acting through the New York Department of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO.

"The UOPWA is opposed to any form of sales tax, city or state or federal," wrote Evelyn Adler, chairman of the New York Department, to Mayor LaGuardia and to the president of the city council, Newbold Morris.

"The white-collar workers are suffering today from especially acute economic problems. Their salaries, trailed far behind rising living costs. These people are eager to do their share in making any necessary sacrifices and bearing any necessary burdens for the war. They are buying war stamps, contributing to war relief, paying a Victory tax and many of them for the first time are paying income taxes. Further and unfair taxation that would literally sock them financially between the eyes is not going to help them or help the war either."

"The City of New York has many sources of additional revenue that can be tapped from the wealthy real estate interests and other corporations," the union said. "As citizens and taxpayers, we urge the City Council to raise the necessary funds from these sources and to oppose any form of city sales tax."

# C.I.O. Neighborhood Parleys May Start Nationwide Community Movement

By Mac Gordon

National CIO leaders are watching closely the local CIO community conferences that are being organized in New York City to establish CIO neighborhood organization. They believe that this is a new departure in trade union life that has historic potentialities.

Both they and the local CIO leadership are convinced that the first two local conferences, held in Manhattan last weekend, have indicated both the feasibility and the significance of this form of organization, both for the future of the war effort and for the future of the labor movement.

The conferences last weekend were held in the lower Manhattan area, below 14th St., and in the Washington Heights section, comprising the 22nd and 23rd assembly districts. The lower Manhattan conferences were attended by slightly over 100 CIO members from eight unions, while the Washington Heights conference had nearly 300 members from 16 unions. At both conferences local congressmen, state legislators and civic leaders spoke. Good-sized committees composed of several members from each union present were set up.

One of the most difficult problems labor has been wrestling with in

## Look Who Liked Standley's Attack On USSR: Gerald L. K. Smith

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 12.—The pro-fascist Gerald L. K. Smith led a hooded demonstration against the unity of the United Nations at a recent America First Party rally and lauded U. S. Ambassador Standley's attack upon the Soviet Union.

It was a field day for Smith as he called for the impeachment of Vice-President Wallace whom he labeled as the "most brutal boot-licker of the Communists in America and their most reliable stooge."

Hailing Ambassador Standley's statement, he demanded that the Soviet Union open a second front against Japan.

He attacked Governor Staesen of Minnesota, the Daily Worker, President Roosevelt, Great Britain, Elmer Davis, the fourth term, rationing, high taxes and promised a public burning of the "Union Now" flag at the Olympia Auditorium where Rickenbacker would be in-

vited to speak and Lindbergh to chair the meeting.

THREATENS JEWS  
"It will arouse an anti-Semitic wave that will sweep across the plains of our country like influenza

If we let the bars down and permit Jews to come into America," shouted Smith to an audience of 500, many of them Nazi bundists.

This was Smith's answer to the plea made here last week at an International Brotherhood Rally by Rabbi Stephen Wise that the United States admit all Jewish refugees who manage to escape the Hitler horde and seek admittance to this country.

KNOW IT'S ANTI-SEMITIC  
The audience did not misinterpret the anti-Semitism in Smith's statement that "I am not going to let any set of propagandists take away America from my son." Smith said that the "bureaucratic fascists" in Washington, if permitted, would destroy America and hauled Senator Reynolds as a man who had done more to restrict immigration than any man in America. He announced that if the Democratic Party would run Reynolds as its candidate, the America First Party would have no candidate.



SMITH

## SOS! Act Now to Save WPA Nurseries

By Sadie Van Veen

The WPA nursery schools are scheduled to close down March 31 unless between now and that date quick and drastic action is taken by the people of New York City to save them.

Ten out of the 27 WPA nursery schools are in New York's East Side and the women of the East Side through the East Side Council of the Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime have sent out an S.O.S. to save the nursery schools.

The East Side Council of the Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime held a meeting recently with 800 women attending, and set up a permanent committee which has gone to work in an effort to save the WPA nurseries.

This committee has approached the sponsors of the nursery schools, requesting them to make personal application to the Board of Education to take over the ten East Side nursery schools.

(Sponsors are those individuals or groups who have supplied the required accommodations or buildings for such schools.)

## OFFERS RESOLUTION

Councilman Di Falco, on Feb. 25, presented a resolution in the City Council asking that the nursery schools be taken over and administered by the Board of Welfare.

Mr. Di Falco's resolution, No. 243, reads as follows:

"Resolution requesting the Commissioner of the Department of Welfare to take over, operate and maintain nursery schools operated by the Works Projects Administration and requesting the Mayor of New York to appoint a committee to examine into the problems of day nurseries."

It is expected that an open hearing will be called in the near future at City Hall, at which time Di Falco's resolution will be discussed. The date for such a hearing has not yet been set, but we may hear of it within a few days.

Mrs. Ann Mullins, secretary of the

committee and member of the Church of All Nations nursery school, congratulated Di Falco on his act of interest in the problem, and proposed (1) that the Board of Education take over the nurseries; (2) that there is no need for further waste of time in investigation and that what is necessary now is to act quickly to prevent the closing of the nursery schools and to expand them.

It would be nothing short of a crime against New York mothers and against the children who gain so much security from nursery schools if for whatever reason they would close them.

This is not a call to discuss the problems of mothers and children. That has been done. We know the problem. This is a time for action, and quick action, to prevent what would amount to a tragedy for many families.

The closing of the WPA nursery schools would work terrible hardship on mothers already under stress and strain due to war conditions, high prices and the fact that many of their men folk are serving in the armed forces. Every interested individual and group should write immediately to Mr. Di Falco, Mayor LaGuardia and to Governor Dewey, urging that quick steps be taken to save the existing nursery schools.

I urge that all interested organizations, groups and individuals who are anxious to see the continued maintenance and expansion of nursery schools watch for the date of the open hearing at City Hall and send representatives from their organizations.

## Soviet Woman Sailor to Speak At Sun. Rally

Valentina Orlikova, mate on a recently arrived Soviet ship and mother of a 2½ year old child in New York, will speak at a rally in tribute to the Red Army sponsored by the Nationalities Division of Russian War Relief in Manhattan Center at 2:30 P. M. on Sunday, March 14.

The announcement was made today by Zlatko Balokovic, chairman of the Nationalities Division which is comprised of more than 25 nationalities sections, among them German, Italian, Hungarian and Finnish sections.

Other speakers at the meeting, Balokovic announced, will be Dmitri Zaitkin, acting consul general of the USSR in New York; Leo Kravsky, president of the American Slav Congress; Edward C. Carter, president of Russian War Relief; Johannes Steel, commentator and author, and William S. Galimov, radio commentator.

Laine Solg, 23 year old Russian born girl who won the movie and radio title of "Miss United Nations" several weeks ago, will make a personal appearance at the rally.

Miss Solg, who was born in Odov, lived in Estonia with her parents until she arrived in the United States three years ago. She has not heard from her parents since the Nazi invasion.

The Ukrainian Chorus under the direction of Frank Ilchuk, Maria Vicar, Metropolitan Opera soprano, and Ivan Petrov, San Carlo Opera Company baritone, will entertain at the rally.

Tickets for the event, priced from 35 cents to \$1.10, may be obtained at the offices of Russian War Relief, 11 E. 35th St., New York City.

## News About Rationing

### Pointers:

The point values of dried and dehydrated prunes and raisins, and of all edible dry beans, peas and lentils have been reduced by OPA and the changes go into effect today. Point values of dried and dehydrated prunes and raisins were lowered from 20 to 12 points per pound. The point values of all other dried fruits continue at their present value of eight points.

The point value of edible dry beans, peas and lentils was reduced from eight to four points per pound. This reduction marks the first change to be made in the official point value table for processed foods. Ordinarily, point changes in the official list will not be made often than once a month. At the same time, date and age, not heretofore sealed, were removed from the list of food currently rationed.

### On Hoarders:

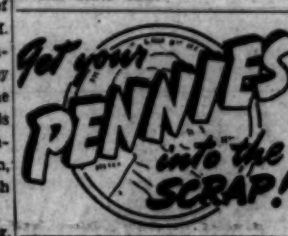
Entering of homes in search of violators of OPA regulations will not be discontinued except in the most flagrant cases such as the use of houses to conceal black market operations and where the full legal procedure of obtaining a search warrant is obtained. OPA chief Prentiss M. Brown said yesterday.

### OPA Housewife:

Mrs. Philip Crowlie, "typical housewife" OPA has brought from Huron, S. D. to help make rationing clear to American women will sit on OPA's "court" of appeal. This court made up of impartial judges will take up problems of price and rationing policies and procedures.

### Postcards:

Floods of letters, resolutions and petitions from union members all over the country are coming into the OPA Labor Office requesting immediately, says the War Production Board Labor Press Service. Close to 2,000 postcards alone have arrived within the last two weeks from Maine to California and exactly 1190 signatures were signed to petitions drawn up by the California State CIO.



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# Landlords Plugging for Bills to Wreck Nation's Rent Control

Landlords throughout the country are ganging up to wreck rent control. The National Association of Real Estate Boards is behind the profit-grabbing drive.

There are six rent control wrecking bills before Congress.

Also working against the interests of tenants was the recent ruling of the U. S. District Court Judge Thomas W. Slick at South Bend, Ind. He dismissed a triple damage suit against a landlord and declared the rent control act unconstitutional.

It is the first such ruling and has been protested by trade unions in South Bend and Detroit.

Several hundred cases in lower courts have ended in fines for landlords. The OPA intends to appeal the Slick decision.

### BILLS IN CONGRESS

The defeatist bills include: Rep. Fred L. Crawford's bill which proposes to do away with landlord registration and tenant litigation. The Michigan Republican's bill aims to increase rents by fixing the maximum rent date as of Sept. 15, 1942 and to existing rents a percentage increase of the cost of living every six months.

Rep. Harry H. Shepard, California Democrat, would have almost everything to the area rent director upon whom real estate groups feel they could put ample pressure.

A bill introduced by Jesse P. Wolcott, Michigan Republican, would throw out the rent ruling which

prevents the wholesale eviction of tenants. It would stop OPA from investigating landlord records and outlaw the triple damage suit, which permits tenants to sue for three times the amount of overcharge or a minimum of \$50 plus court expenses.

Other pieces of destructive legislation have been introduced by Rep. Matthew H. Ellsworth, Oregon Republican. Sen. Rufus C. Holman, Oregon Republican and Rep. Edward V. Isaac, California Democrat. The Isaac Bill would make Washington rent control the pattern of the nation. Washington's rent control regulations, which are outside OPA's jurisdiction, are practically ineffective since registration of landlords is not required and enforcement is matter of hopeful speculation.

OPA chief Prentiss M. Brown has already warned that he has received a flood of letters from Detroit land-

lords demanding a change in the city's regulations. Rents there were pegged at profiteering level. Now landlords are seeking to boost the ceilings.

"It has been called to my attention," Brown said, "that recently the realtors' Washington Committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards through a circular letter to its local members launched an organized campaign on a nationwide scale to induce landlords to write to Congress, protesting rent control."

Although New York City is the only metropolis without rent control today, any break in rent regulations would send rents soaring here.

The rent control program of the Office of Price Administration which is one year old has saved the nation more than a billion dollars in rent raises. Some 80 million persons in 355 defense rental areas are covered by its regulations. That is why it is under fire from the profit-hungry real owners.

Tenants will have to roll up their sleeves to defeat these bills as well as all other legislation which proposes to send living costs skyrocketing.

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## Labor Can Block Sales Tax

### AN EDITORIAL

Protests against the doubling of the city sales tax continue to mount.

A request for permission to reinstate the 2 per cent tax, in place of the current 1 per cent sales levy, was made to the State Legislature by the Mayor last week. Without waiting for the Legislature to pass this enabling legislation, City Council President Newbold Morris has already introduced a bill in the Council to double the tax.

The sales tax is certainly not the way to solve the city's financial problems. It flies in the face of progressive tax policy. It hits the poor hardest and wealthy the least. It puts an additional price upon goods already sky-high. Instead of increasing the tax, every effort should be made to eliminate it altogether.

If there is a need for more money, and

if real estate can't be taxed further, there are a lot of better ways to raise funds than a sales levy. Gross income of businesses and financial houses can be taxed slightly higher than the one-tenth of one-fifth per cent requested of the Legislature by the Mayor. The 1 per cent tax on utilities can be increased. The state can be urged to return to the city 60 per cent of relief expenditures instead of the present 40 per cent.

Unfortunately, while merchants' groups and some consumers have protested against increasing the sales tax, labor has not yet spoken up loudly enough. Yet that may be the decisive factor.

There isn't much time left for action. Both the Legislature and the City Council are due to act next week. If labor wants to see the sales tax licked, it's got to move fast.

## Brand Trotskyite Sheet as Treasonous

Branding the Trotskyite publication, *Labor Action*, as "dishonest, treasonous and dangerous," 500 workers at the Phelps Dodge Refining Co., Queens, have adopted a resolution calling for its investigation.

Their action, taken after copies of the paper, recom-

### Anthony Eden Arrives for Allied Talks

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The presence here of Chinese Foreign Minister T. V. Soong and Russian Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff provides an opportunity for representatives of the United Nations "Big Four"—Britain, China, the Soviet Union and the United States—to participate eventually in preliminary discussions.

#### FLY HERE

The British Information Service disclosed that Eden flew here in the same American Liberator bomber in which British Prime Minister Winston Churchill journeyed to Casablanca for his historic meeting with President Roosevelt.

The 45-year-old diplomat—long a bitter foe of appeasement toward the Axis—went directly to the British Embassy where he will live.

Eden had been scheduled to come here several weeks ago but was delayed by Prime Minister Winston Churchill's illness.

He probably will make a tour of war plants—the announcement said that "Mr. Eden will also wish to see at first hand something of the great war effort of the United States."

Accompanying him from London were his private secretary, Oliver Charles Harvey; William Strang, assistant secretary of state for British foreign affairs; and Robert Cruikshank, director of the American division of the British Ministry of Information.

#### GREETED BY WELLES

Eden was welcomed by Welles and British Ambassador Lord Halifax. Also in the party were John Dickson, chief of the State Department's European division, and protocol chief George Summerlin.

Eden is expected to confer at the first opportunity with President Roosevelt—probably tomorrow—and later will hold a press conference if his schedule permits.

LONDON, Saturday, March 13 (UP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is in Washington to open a new era in Anglo-American diplomacy by discussing a wide range of exclusively political and diplomatic issues, with the Soviet Union heading the list, well-informed sources said today.

Britain and the United States, during Eden's visit, will attempt to establish friendly foundations for the solution of scores of potential post-war headaches, it was understood.

It was made known Friday afternoon that Eden was in Washington but dispatches were held until early today after the first announcement had been made at Washington.

Eden's discussions are to differ sharply from previous Anglo-American conferences, such as those between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, informants said. Those centered largely on specific military problems. Eden's talks will be confined to political and diplomatic ones, well-informed sources said.

#### REFUGEE GOVTS

Eden is expected to talk also to representatives of various refugee governments, who would be invited to sit in on talks concerning them.

It was believed here that Eden would remain in Washington for several weeks to cover the widest possible range of subjects.

The obvious purpose apparently is to achieve some preliminary meeting of minds between the United States and Britain as regards these problems in an attempt to prepare the way for British-American discussions in future.

It was said officially that Eden's visit was made by United States invitation.

## CIO Exposure Wins Queens Hospital Probe

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three died, others are still seriously ill.

Dr. George W. Mills, director of the hospital, has admitted that general conditions there are the worst in his 16 years at the institution.

#### TOLD HALPERN

On February 25 the CIO union sent State Senator Halpern a report disclosing these facts and complaining that tubercular patients and those with social diseases were handling food and dishes at the hospital.

Workers at Creedmore left in droves because of low pay and poor labor conditions leaving the staffs seriously undermanned. On Feb. 15 the CIO union at a hearing in Albany urged radical revision of wages and time and a half overtime at Creedmore to prevent a complete breakdown of care for patients. The union then wired Dewey for an immediate investigation.

Dr. Mills, following the union's testimony, admitted that the "wards are seriously understaffed." He reported "200 vacancies and we can't hire anybody. Nobody wants the jobs." As the epidemic spread, Dr. Mills told the press that no further patients would be admitted until the dysentery danger had passed and the hospital given a "clean bill of health."

At the union's disclosure, State Senator Halpern, without revealing his identity, obtained access to the hospital and reported an "amazing and frightful situation at Creedmore. In his report to Governor Dewey, Senator Halpern revealed that 'the plight of the patients is pitiful' and that discouraged employees are in constant dread of contracting the disease."

He told how in Building 'P' he saw "mice waste on dishes which were about to be used by the patients. Adjoining the kitchen was the most filthy lavatory I have ever seen. It was clogged up and there was no paper or soap available. This lavatory is used by kitchen attendants and patients in kitchen duty."

#### WHAT HE SAW

"These are but some of the conditions I saw with my own eyes during my visit," he said. "I was told of many other instances of conditions equally shocking."

The State, County and Municipal Workers are certain of one thing: Adjust salaries to increased living costs and the severe nature of the work required at the institution and the manpower shortage will be eliminated. With adequate attendants, trained and responsible, patients will receive proper care and the epidemic will disappear.

## Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Reports Upsurge Against Poll Tax in South

By Eugene Gordon

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, just back from her first tour of the South, told an audience of women in Harlem Wednesday night that she "experienced a queer feeling of separation" when she no longer saw Negro people in theatres and other public places.

"I too felt segregated," she said. Miss Flynn, national director of women's work and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, spoke to a large group of women. The great majority of the audience was Negro. The meeting was held in the quarters of the Uptown Seamen's Club, Waterfront Section, Communist Party.

The audience was made up of Negro and white women war workers, housewives, school teachers, students and professional nurses.

"It was only in our Communist Party meetings, as I went from one Southern community to another, that I felt at home again," Miss Flynn said. "Inside the Communist Party meetings Jim Crow didn't exist. Jim Crow was banished. And in all our meetings in the South the Communists were outspoken on the question of the rights of the Negro people."

She was allowed by a radio station in one Virginia city, to quote from the President's Executive Order 8802. That order demands equal rights for Negro workers in war industries. In another Virginia city, however, she was permitted to mention the Executive Order but forbidden to "interpret" it.

In spite of all that, Miss Flynn met understanding white men and women in Virginia and elsewhere in the South. Nor were they all members of the Communist Party. They were principally organized workers.

#### UPSURGE IN SOUTH

"There is an upsurge in the South against the poll tax. That is because there is definitely a realignment of forces down there. That realignment comes from the growing trade union movement. All sorts of industries are being developed in the South. White manpower is being exhausted, leaving great volumes of the Negro people and the women. The trade union movement is embracing larger and larger numbers of Negro and white women and larger and larger numbers of Negro workers in general."

Miss Flynn cautioned against imagining that one could detect these changes immediately upon entering the South. They are sometimes hidden from the immediate view, she said, but the observer soon learns of them.

There is no doubt, according to Miss Flynn, that the Communist Party is largely responsible for improved relations between the Negro and the white people down there. The Party in the South, she declared, "has raised the banner of equality without fear or hesitation."

She commended the National Maritime Union as a trade union organization which "has broken the opposition of the employer and the opposition of white seamen." She spoke of white workers going over to the Negro's side of the town and meeting in the Negro's halls, because the law forbids Negroes' entering "white" halls.

#### MUST PROVE HIMSELF

The white person in the South who wishes to win the confidence of the Negro people must first prove himself, Miss Flynn asserted, before he will be accepted. If the white person is known to be a Communist, however, he has already been "proved" and is accepted without further ado.

## Sea Bees Prepare for Action



Getting ready for one of the toughest military units in the services are these Navy engineers shown commandeering at Quonset, Long Island. Two members of the Sea Bees are demonstrating the proper technique in disarming an enemy. It's tough work but it'll be a lot tougher on the Nazis when the Sea Bees meet them.

## To Honor Widows Of NMU Heroes

Women whose husbands and sons were among the 3,617 merchant seamen lost at sea because of enemy action will be honored at an impressive memorial ceremony Sunday, March 14, 2:30 P.M., at the National Maritime Union headquarters, 346 W. 17th Street, it was announced today.

Gold star merchant marine flags will be awarded to the women whose men made the supreme sacrifice delivering the weapons of war to our troops and to our Allies.

The ceremony is being conducted by the N. M. U.'s Auxiliary, as part of a nationwide celebration of Gold and Blue Star Mothers Week. Sylvia McCarthy, President, will preside.

Speakers will include Faye Stephenson, President of the Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO; the Rev. Ben A. Richardson of the Abyssinian Baptist Church; Congressman Vito Marcantonio; Janet Van Tyne, executive secretary, Women's division, United Seamen's Service; Dorothy Funn, administrative secretary, Negro Labor Committee; Rabbi Louis Gershtein of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue and Joseph Curran, NMU President.

The program will leave only a few unrationed food items, such as fresh and frozen fish, eggs, milk, cream, poultry, bread, cereals, fresh fruits and fresh vegetables.

Wickard's estimates of probable weekly rations indicate that U. S. citizens will get about twice as much meat and fats as the British, but only half the amount of cheese available to them.

Meanwhile, Brown announced a new plan to combat the growing complexities in rationing and price control with a "humanizing" policy carried out through OPA "appeals courts" that would hear citizen's complaints.

### Senate Assails Nazi Atrocities

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Nazi atrocities inflicted on civilians in occupied countries, especially on Jewish people, was condemned in a resolution adopted by the Senate today.

The resolution, acted on at the request of Senator Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader, said:

"It is the sense of this Congress that those guilty, directly or indirectly, of these criminal acts, shall be held accountable and punished."

## House Knives Salary Curb

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pelled to become current in tax payments. They would simply pay half their 1942 taxes through regular quarterly installments March 15 to June 15, and pay the rest of last year's obligations through the 20 per cent levy withholding from paychecks after July 1.

The inducement plan is intended to encourage taxpayers to pay up 1942 liabilities by March 15—next Monday—and "estimated 1943 liabilities" by June 15. Estimates would be the taxpayers' own. Those using the plan would get the three per cent discount and the withholding tax would then apply as a credit on 1944 taxes.

This proposal was endorsed after President Roosevelt told his press conference that adoption of the Ruml Plan for strict pay-as-you-go and complete or partial forgiveness of 1942 taxes would definitely mean the government would collect less revenue this year than last.

## How Press in N.Y. Reacted to FDR's Security Plan

New York newspapers, in their editorial comment on President Roosevelt's post-war economic planning program, performed exactly as you would suspect. In general, the papers that support the President's win-the-war program praised the report of the National Resources Planning Board. The isolationist papers attacked it.

The *Herald Tribune* led off for the supporters of the plan, welcoming it. "The objection that Congress," said the *Tribune*, "already immersed in debate over the various phases of our war economy, should be spared consideration of what is to follow, seems to us a counsel of timidity."

"Our war and our subsequent peace economy are interrelated and if our representatives in Washington haven't the intellectual stamina to tackle simultaneously the questions that both raise, it seems just too bad."

The *New York Times* complained that the report was "profoundly disappointing in content." The *Times* found the reports to be "exercises in rhetoric" and lacking in evidence of "careful thought."

The *Sun* thought the report was poorly timed. The arch-Republican paper chiefly bemoaned the fact that the report was made public the same week in which income taxes fall due.

#### PATTERSON HOWLS

The *New York Daily News*, isolationist tabloid of Capt. Joseph Medill Patterson, yelled dictatorship. The editorial appeared under a typical Roosevelt-hating headline: "F. D. R. Seeks Still More Power After the War."

The editorial contained slurring remarks at "Uncle Delano," the reference being to the President's uncle, Frederic A. Delano, who heads the NRPB. The editorial reaches a hysterical pitch near the end when Capt. Patterson's writer warns of a "fifth term."

The *News* summarizes the report as "a ground plan for an American state which will closely resemble fascism."

The *New York Post* praised the program enthusiastically as an "eloquent 'New Bill of Rights.'" The editorial blasted isolationist papers for their attacks on the plan.

FM's editorial writer, Max Lerner, saw hope in the plan of avoiding post-war chaos and called on the President "not to rest on his plan, but to fight for it."

Hearst's *Daily Mirror* hinted darkly of national bankruptcy. It called the program "another spurious, rose-spectacled scheme for making over America according to a preconceived blueprint," and expressed the hope that Congress would "see the plan clearly for what it is."

The *Mirror's* editorial was captioned, curiously enough, "Let Us Be Calm." But the *Mirror* wasn't calm. It shouted that before the war is over the national debt will rise to more than \$300,000,000,000 and said that the plan would "subsidize the entire working population and socialize industry to a point undreamt of (until now) even in the New Deal philosophy."

### Urges Free Transit For Service Men

ALBANY, March 12 (UP)—Free transportation on rapid transit railroads operated by municipalities would be provided to members of the armed forces under a bill introduced in the Legislature today by Senator Seymour Halpern, Queens Republican.

The measure provides that a rapid transit railroad or a municipality owned ferry shall carry without charge any member of the armed forces in uniform.

"There is no doubt but that the average individual would like to see the boys ride on the subways as the guests of the city," Halpern said. "Every nickel means a lot to the boys in the armed forces."

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## Labor Protests Feinberg Gag Bill

Labor protests against the Feinberg-Reoux bill in the State Legislature, directed against minority parties, continue to mount.

A wire sent by Shoe Workers Council 13, CIO, to majority and minority leaders of the State Senate said:

"In interest maintaining democratic rights and complete unity urge you take strong action against Feinberg Bill Int. 202 which would virtually bar independent parties from ballot in State."

"Experience shows ease of misrepresentation can easily be made with application of unscrupulous methods."

Jane Benedict, president of the Book and Magazine Union of the United Office and Professional Workers Union, announced yesterday that she had sent letters to Governor Dewey, to the majority and minority leaders of the State Senate and to Assembly Speaker Hook in opposition to the bill.

She charged that the measure is a "fundamental" violation of every democratic principle upon which the United States Government is based, and calls attention to the fact that we are now engaged in a war for democracy.

"The Feinberg-Reoux Bill to amend the penal law in relation to petitions for independent nominations is a dangerous subterfuge to bar minority parties from successfully entering the elections in New York State," declared George Marshall, Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, in letters today to Governor Thomas E. Dewey and State Legislative Leaders, scoring this legislation now pending in the New York State Legislature.

"Under the cloak of 'good government' measures, these bills would legalize intimidation of signers of petitions to put minority parties on the ballot," stated Mr. Marshall in his protest.

"Through the blanket provisions in this legislation it would be possible for small groups using vigilante-like methods to coerce minority party petition signers to remove their names, thus invalidating the petitions. It would encourage persecution of minority petition circulators by making it relatively simple to convict them on 'framed' or technical charges for two years imprisonment and to fine them for \$1,000."

"The particular effect of the

Feinberg-Reoux Bill," pointed out Mr. Marshall, "would be to virtually eliminate minority parties in New York State from the elections. This would be a striking violation of American free election traditions. At a time when American citizens are working, sacrificing and dying to preserve and extend American democracy, measures such as this must be exposed and decisively defeated."

## NMU to Ask Restoration of War Insurance

A delegation of the National Maritime Union representing the Ports of New York and Baltimore, will head for Washington, Monday, to present the union's demands for restoration of war risk insurance for merchant seamen and an end to shipment of vital materials to Spain.

The delegation, according to the NMU's office here, will consist of 10 from the New York port, 10 from Baltimore, and a number of ships in port are also adding representatives.

Both questions were the subjects of a membership meeting at Manhattan Center, Thursday night. A resolution pointing to the pro-Axis role of Franco Spain told the State Department that seamen will "not be a party" to shipments to Spain. The sentiment behind this resolution will be expressed by the delegates to the State Department.

The protests against limitations upon war risk insurance to seamen will go to Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, and Capt. Edward Macaulay of the Maritime Commission. New insurance provisions regard as an "act of God" or "marine peril" accidents other than such as come directly from enemy torpedoes.

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# Invade Europe Now, Auto Union Says

## Flays Dealings With Fascists Overseas

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
DETROIT, March 12.—The decision of Casablanca for an invasion of Hitler-held Europe must be "immediately carried out," a statement of the General Executive Board, United Automobile Workers, CIO, declared.

The statement, adopted by the union's board at its meeting in Columbus, Ohio, rounds out the union's estimate of United States policy on the war and home front.

The union, now the largest in the country, representing 800,000 workers mostly in war plants, assailed those who still aim to negotiate with the "mad dogs of fascism."

The statement of UAW policy follows, in full:

"From the day of its formation this International Union, its officers and its members have been fully alive to the peril of Nazi dictatorship with its design for a new world order of slavery."

"Since the entry of our nation into the present world war, the UAW-CIO has been animated by one primary purpose—that of assuring the defeat of Hitler and the preservation of a free, orderly and democratic life for all of humanity. We have recognized that the union and the hundreds of thousands of workers who form its membership literally cannot survive a victory of Hitlerism or a Quisling 'peace'."

**WAR OF SURVIVAL**

"In this war of survival for this nation, its people and its democratic institutions, we have sought to advance every policy leading toward the early and complete defeat of the Axis enemy and to oppose every measure which would compromise or delay such a victory. Despite provocation from certain selfish employers, the 800,000 workers of the UAW-CIO have produced without interruption. We have worked to secure the conversion of our auto plants to the production of weapons of war. We have taken every step required in the interests of speeding production of tanks, planes and guns. Tens of thousands of our members now serve in the armed forces of the nation. We have given loyal, sincere and effective support to the policies of our Commander-in-Chief and President."

**ALL FOR CASABLANCA**

"To bring Hitler and his Japanese allies to quick disaster, this International Union considers it absolutely imperative that the decisions of the recent Casablanca conference be immediately carried out."

"Now, with Hitler staggering under the blows of our Soviet ally, invasion of Europe to bring about the unconditional surrender of the Axis is imperative. Defeat for the Axis in 1943 is the battle cry of the American people and those of the United Nations."

"But against this program of victory, sinister forces have moved into action. Anti-labor and Quisling groups are carrying forward a feverish campaign to block the decisions of the Casablanca Conference—to hamper and hold back invasion of Hitler-dominated Europe—to bring about a 'peace' by negotiating with the mad dogs of fascism."

"Division and disunity have been fostered. Congress is being made more and more an instrument for the disruption of the military and economic policies proposed by the President in the interest of victory. Policies of the President on a war footing have been ridiculed, sabotaged and partially wrecked."

**ECONOMIC SABOTAGE**

"The reactionary poll-taxers and their Republican friends have already jeopardized the cause of effective wartime rationing, price control and progressive taxation. By their opposition to full mobilization of manpower they seek to strike at the foundation of our military power. An ex-President of the United States, long known for his adherence to doctrines of appeasement, has been applauded in his proposals that we go slow, that we fight a comfortable war—that we do not attack until 1944 or perhaps 1945."

"Because labor recognizes this for what it is, the fatal policy of defeat and disaster, labor, too, has been the target of the slander of those who would divide our nation in its hour of crisis and peril. The Hoffmans, the Dies, the Rickenbackers and the forces of betrayal for whom the speak have conspired against and viciously attacked the millions of men and women who are today providing the weapons needed by the armed forces of democracy. And groups such as the National Association of Manufacturers have sought for their own narrow selfish purposes to direct public suspicion and hostility against the patriotic workers of the nation."

**RED BOGEY**

"The conspirators against the unity and victory of the American people and the United Nations, the small but powerful groups desiring a negotiated peace with Hitler, have been echoing Herr Goebbels' again and again the Communist menace. Again, as at Munich, Hitler is being



R. J. THOMAS

portrayed as the world's protector against the 'red danger' providing a 'protection' which entails the acceptance of Nazism by America.

"This bogey, which was successfully used to bring division, defeat and slavery to all Europe, is again being resorted to as Hitler sees the final defeat of Nazism spelled out in the unshakable unity of the United Nations and their peoples."

"Labor must do its full part toward overcoming the defeatists whose actions today threaten disaster not only to labor but to the whole nation. The program of Casablanca, to which our President has subscribed, must and will be made to prevail over that of the fifth columnists. To the American people, to our brothers in the armed forces, to our fellow workers of the United Nations and conquered Europe, we of the UAW-CIO pledge our full support to the following program of action for victory:

"1. We shall produce to the utmost."

"Obstacles which have so far held back full production must be overcome. There must be effective planning, with active and responsible labor participation, to insure that every man, every machine, every essential piece of material is used to the best advantage of the war effort. We renew our request to every patriotic employer to join with labor in helping establish these instruments which combine the genius of labor and management both working in the single direction of victory for our nation over Hitlerism. And to this end, the rights of labor must be defended as an essential to the war effort."

"2. We shall defeat the fifth columnists and their friends."

"We pledge to support the President and the armed forces in every demand required to bring full economic and military power of the nation to bear so that we may effect the early invasion of Europe and the unconditional surrender of the Axis powers in 1943."

"We pledge activity from every local and from the membership at large to help transform Congress into a Congress of Victory, a Congress of support to the war policies of the President—a Congress truly representative of the American people."

"We shall urge upon Congress these policies of price control, rationing and profit limitation which are essential to the achievement of victory."

"We shall vehemently resist Hitler propaganda, which seeks to divide the American people, and the peoples of the United Nations."

"Now, more than ever before, the UAW-CIO recognizes that political activity along these lines is a primary and fundamental part of its duty and obligation to support the President, to unite labor, to oppose the union-baiters and to support a national conference representing all sections of the labor movement must be convened, as proposed by the CIO."

**Steel Company Cops Join CIO**

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
EAST CHICAGO, Ind., March 12.—Eighty per cent of the 130 company police of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. voted to join the CIO in a National Labor Relations Board election and will be chartered as a separate local of the United Steelworkers of America.

Negotiations for a contract will be asked for at once.

Organized labor has already pledged more than three times as much to the 1943 Red Cross War Fund as it subscribed to the 1942 War Fund, according to an announcement made yesterday by three labor leaders representing major divisions of union labor in the metropolitan area.

The joint statement was made by Sidney Hillman of the CIO, Matthew Wolf of the AFL and Frank Columbus representing the Railroad Brotherhoods, all section chairmen of the New York Labor War Chest, and pointed out that more than 40 per cent of union labor's \$800,000 Red Cross quota has

already been pledged, with solicitation less than half complete.

Organized labor's 1942 contribution to the Red Cross War Fund was approximately \$180,000.

The statement was based on the first ten days' progress of the New York Labor War Chest which had obtained pledges for upward of \$2,000,000, of which 30 per cent is allocated to the Red Cross War Fund. The Chest seeks for all purposes \$4,000,000.

Meanwhile, J. H. Callen, chairman, Employees Gift Committee, Red Cross War Fund, announced a new management-labor cooperation

## Springfield CIO-AFL Unite To Tackle Absentee Problems

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 12.—A joint CIO-AFL committee representing industrial unions with a membership of 60,000 in this area announced that its first step will be a meeting with management for a full and frank discussion on ways to meet absentee difficulties in this city's war plants.

The proposal was made as the first action of a committee on cooperation of the Springfield Central Labor Union and Western Massachusetts CIO Industrial Union Council. Seven members of the joint committee, resuming a cooperative effort of the two strong labor organizations, agreed last night that efforts to remove the causes of absenteeism should be made jointly by the forces of labor, and that together the labor groups should go along with management in trying to determine what creates excessive absenteeism.

The committee accordingly voted unanimously to propose and participate in a meeting on absenteeism with representatives of management from industries in Springfield.

**MEET IN EACH PLANT**

Further, the AFL and CIO leaders pledged they would arrange meetings for management with the union in each war production plant at which the absentee issue would be discussed and views exchanged on effecting its reduction or elimination.

The committee members emphasized after the meeting that in both the AFL and CIO ranks in Springfield there are large industrial unions engaged in negotiations and labor contracts with management. Their objectives of adequate wage rates and improved working conditions are identical. It was declared, whether the union has an AFL or a CIO tag. Accordingly, it was agreed that the committee

should act as a clearing house on common problems and an agency to bring united action on these principles of organized labor in future negotiations, and in education of union members and the public on issues of legislation.

**HIT HOBBS BILL**

As its first step on legislative action, the committee voted to send telegrams at once to Reps. Charles B. Glavin and Allen T. Treadway urging their opposition to the Hobbs bill, to hamstringing labor organization.

Labor proposal for a conference on absenteeism today met a ready response from Roe S. Clark, president of Western Massachusetts Employers Association.

Cooperation of labor with management to remove unnecessary absenteeism will be most welcome, Clark declared last night, in comment on a proposal from AFL and CIO representatives proposing a discussion of the problem.

Clark remarked in discussing the labor offer that he believed the absentee record in the Springfield area is not too bad and compares favorably with many other industrial areas.

**ACCIDENT PROBLEM**

Clark said it was his experience that absenteeism resulting from accidents was one of the most serious situations affecting production and that there must be improvement in the accident reduction records of war plants.

The proposal of a labor and management conference on absenteeism was made as the first step of a committee of AFL and CIO unions in Springfield, representing employees of war production industries in both the labor organization ranks. Members of the committee said last night a formal offer of a conference on absenteeism will be made soon.

Indication of the public support for labor's move to fight absenteeism was the following from an editorial entitled "To Battle Absenteeism" from the conservative Springfield Union of March 11 which is Republican in politics.

"A joint committee representing the AFL and CIO unions of the city has moved to tackle the problem of absenteeism and to enlist the aid of management in the production of a discussion of these concerns. This is an indication of a cooperative spirit that transcends the limits of union rivalries. It is heartening in the extreme for the possibility of eliminating an evil, classed as probably the present outstanding element in the slowing up of production."

"The movement undertaken here is certain to enlist the active support of industrial heads. It typifies the spirit which has actuated organized labor in either camp and long ago brought a pledge to refrain from strikes for the duration."

Wage increases ranging from 15 to 30 per cent have been won for 350 Krug Bakery workers by Bakers' Local 50, AFL, subject to War Labor Board approval.

The agreement also provides for two weeks' vacation with pay, time and a half after eight hours in any one day and after 40 hours in any one week; double time on the seventh day and seniority rights. The contract is effective as of Jan. 10.

running as high as \$75 as a result of a War Labor Board decision upholding a cost-of-living clause in their union contract.

As early as June, the company had refused to meet contract provisions calling for upward adjustment of wages to meet new increases in the cost of living. The board ruled that since these payments were payable before Oct. 3, when an executive order banned such cost-of-living increases, management would have to pay them.

The increase, which amounts to 35 per cent, is retroactive to June 15.

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**LOCAL 1225 WINS SHOP**

A CIO victory was rung up recently at the American Cystoscope Co., where workers voted 266 to 87 for Local 1225 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers in a National Labor Relations Board poll.

Business Agent Thelma Ostrow and a committee from the shop carried through the organizing campaign.

**LOCAL 6 AIDS BOSTON FIRE VICTIMS**

A gift of \$250 has been sent by Local 6, Hotel and Club Employees, AFL, to aid the families of fellow unionists who were victims of the fire which destroyed the Coconut Grove, Boston night club, a few months ago.

Funds were sent to Local 34, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, to which the Coconut Grove workers belonged. John J. Kearney, Local 34 Relief Fund chairman, recently sent the New York unionists a warm letter of thanks for their solidarity.

**FURNITURE SHOP GETS WAGE OK**

The War Labor Board notified the Furniture Workers Union, Local 76-B, that approval has been granted for the 50 per hour increase for the 100 workers employed at the American Rattan & Reed Co., 268 Norman Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

This increase in wages, in accordance with the agreement between the firm and the organization, is retroactive as of November 1, 1942.

Hundreds of workers at the Morey Machine Co., Queens war plant, got lump sums yesterday

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**Capital AFL Parley Set on Rickenbacker**

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Washington Central Labor Union representing 160,000 AFL workers condemned the labor-baiting of Rickenbacker and decided to call a conference of all locals to discuss how labor can counteract the disruptive activities of the defeatist forces.

The resolution declared: "There are thousands of trade union men under fire tonight, fighting for a free America, to keep it free, hoping to return to their country and find it the same America they left behind them."

The resolution pointed out that there were three trade unionists on the raft with Rickenbacker who didn't try to exploit their heroism for selfish unpatriotic aims. But most of them are now back on the firing line.

**Prudential Agents Ratify Pact 10 to 1**

Announcement of a sweeping 10-to-1 ratification of the recently negotiated national contract between the UOPWA and the Prudential Insurance Company came yesterday on the heels of the National War Labor Board's approval of the increases negotiated in the contract.

The ratification, voted by industrial insurance agents employed by Prudential throughout the country, puts into force the largest white-collar agreement ever negotiated.

The agreement was signed by officials of the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, and the Prudential Company Feb. 3. The ratification took place by combined mail referendum and by member meeting balloting in those cities where local unions have already been established. The votes (of which 4103 were cast for and 380 against) were counted yesterday by an official tally committee of five set up by the National Union and headed by UOPWA Acting Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lewis, and including Esther Adler, president of Local 16, Jane Benedict, Local 18, Bernard Segal, Local 19, and Sidney Young, Local 109.

By the terms of the contract approximately 14,000 industrial insurance agents will benefit immediately from an approximate \$2.50 weekly increase retroactive to Feb. 1, while the union machinery goes into effect on grievances, improved personnel practices and dues collection.

**NEW CONDITIONS**

The main conditions under which the short cuts may be granted under the new rules are as follows:

1. To correct inter-plant inequalities. The regional boards were given authority to make surveys to determine "the most frequent rate or range of rates, as the case may be, for the same or substantially similar occupations" by industries, communities or labor market areas, and to use the short procedure in passing upon applications for wage adjustments.
2. To eliminate sub-standard wages. Regional boards were given authority to determine "what constitutes sub-standard wage or salary rates in their regions for the purposes of permitting consideration under the shortened procedure of proposed adjustments up to the specified minima. The adjustment of wage or salary rates up to fifty cents an hour or twenty dollars a week may be handled by the shortened procedure. The regional boards are not to consider this figure as "in any way limiting" their discretion to fix the minimum at a point either higher or lower.
3. To eliminate inequalities for individuals of small groups. Regional boards can use the short procedure in passing upon adjustments proposed by employers of 200 or less in order to eliminate inequalities if the adjustment affects no more than 10 employees, and does not exceed five cents an hour. Employers will not be allowed to claim later that other inequalities have been caused by such adjustments.
4. The power of the regional wage stabilization directors, under the new procedure the wage stabilization directors of the regional boards will be allowed to rule in all cases involving employers of 200 or less and all cases where adjustments are requested under the Little Steel

plan to raise funds for the campaign, which he said "promises to materially increase Red Cross contributions from union employees."

Mr. Callen said that his office is mailing instructions to Red Cross company chairmen in 5,000 New York firms employing over 1,500,000 workers, advising them to cooperate with the "union shop stewards or other representative" of the employees. His instructions set forth terms of an agreement between Red Cross and the New York War Labor Chest, whereby funds "will be solicited both for the Labor War Chest and for Red Cross" through the unions.

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## Basic Problems Still Hamper Baseball As Spring Season Opens

By C. E. Dexter

Although you may not know it, Monday is the day when the baseball season opens. Monday is the day when, from the frigid streets of New York, chilly athletes wend their way southward to sunny climes.

But, alas and alack, this is war—and the local teams are gathering not in the Pennsylvania station, where in other years they set forth bravely for Florida and Cuba. Instead, they are boarding ferries to Jersey's nether shore. To Asbury Park, go the Yanks. To Lakewood lope the Giants. To Bear Mountain venture the Dodgers.

And the teams start timidly, with many players missing. The Yankees, sans Ruffing, Gomez, Rolfe, Rizzuto, Hassett, key men of other years, will train in a high school at Deal Lake. The Giants will warm up for the season on John D. Rockefeller's old private golf course, now a public park in Ocean County. The Dodgers will perform indoors at West Point's field house, for Bear Mountain is a quagmire, and the mud will remain thick for at least a week or two.

Lack of a unified national program toward organized sports has wounded baseball. For more than a year baseball has remained on the defensive. Judge Landis refuses to make any special pleas for exemption for baseball stars. His expressed attitude has been that if the public wants baseball to continue, the public must do its own lobbying. Defeatist newspapers have subtly tried to spread the idea that sports are unnecessary in war time. Certain baseball owners, like Walter O. Briggs, of Detroit, who once invested money in base-

ball as a sporting gesture, are busy with war orders, and don't give a hoot now. Others, like Alvin J. Bradley, of Cleveland, are in favor of all-out war effort, and believe that ball players should go into war industry or the armed services. J. Alvin Gardner, president of the Texas League, succeeded in obtaining the suspension of that circuit, on the plea that to shut down is "a patriotic sacrifice."

I think that baseball has missed the bus by failing to respond to the widespread demand that Negro players be admitted to the ranks. War workers, who stay at their machines from 40 to 72 hours a week, need the healthy, morale-building effect of a fine outdoor sports such as baseball is. But they are unwilling at this time to come to the defense of baseball, because the magnates have failed to respond to their plea that the Jim Crow barriers be let down.

American soldiers and American war workers want baseball. Every poll taken, privately or by newspapers, proves this fact. But baseball must overcome certain handicaps in the minds of the public before it can come with clean hands for public support. I am sure, for instance, that CIO unions and other organizations which have appealed for equal opportunity for Negro players, will demand the continuance of baseball, if Mr.

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## 4 New York Teams Dominate Post Season Cage Tournaments

By Phil Gordon

New York City, with no less than four teams in the national cage tournaments which will be held in the Garden in the coming weeks, completely dominates the basketball scene as the boys grid for the opening night of the Invitation Tourney next Thursday eve.

St. John's, Fordham and Manhattan are the three clubs in the Invitation set-up and NYU, which finished its season with stunning win over City College Wednesday night, will be the fourth.

The complete field for the Invitation is now in shape and here is how the teams have been seeded. Their won and lost records are noted also.

1-Creighton ..... (19-1)  
2-St. John's ..... (18-2)  
3-W. Kentucky State ..... (24-2)  
4-Toledo ..... (19-2)  
5-Manhattan ..... (18-2)  
6-Fordham ..... (15-4)  
7-Rice Institute ..... (9-3)  
8-Wash. and Jeff. .... (10-3)

For the quarter finals the teams are paired up thusly:

March 18  
Creighton vs. W. & J.  
Toledo vs. Manhattan  
March 22  
St. John's vs. Rice  
W. K. State vs. Fordham

The team records are among the best compiled anywhere in the country. Creighton's mark is the best, the Bluejays having been defeated only once in twenty games and not then in college competition. The single defeat was imposed by the powerful Great Lakes quintet, 63 to 55. The Bluejays won the Missouri Valley Conference title with ten straight victories, and in their New York appearance this year beat LIU 31 to 30. They have two great scorers in Ralph Langer and Ed Belser, and their team defensive record is especially noteworthy. Over twenty games they

Rickey and other prominent basketball men would stop pussyfooting and come out into the open on the Jim Crow issue.

Undoubtedly crowds will be big at the ball parks this spring and summer. Judge Landis's statement that "we will keep on playing as long as we can dig up nine men a side" is, however, not satisfactory. Inferior baseball will destroy the prestige built up over many decades. The time is short. Baseball must respond quickly to the need for an adequate war program, which will include the admission of Negro players to professional teams. If this is done, I am sure that millions of organized labor unionists will insist that their favorite sport be continued within the limits imposed by war-time economic needs.

allowed only 700 points, a 35.5 average. Their own scoring average was 50.8.

The three New York entries lost only eight games among them during the regular season. St. John's and Manhattan had identical records, 18 won and 2 lost while Fordham won fifteen out of nineteen in a formidable schedule. Locally, the Rams won five out of six games, the only defeat that imposed by St. John's Redmen in early January.

The Redmen, who also won five out of six locally, and on that record claim a share of the metropolitan crown, compiled the year's best Garden record. They played in the Garden ten times, and won nine times. Their victims were Oklahoma, Tennessee, City College, Fordham, Camp Upton, St. Joseph's, Georgetown, N. Y. U. and St. Francis. Incidentally, the Indians and Fordham are in the same tournament bracket, and the possibility exists they will meet in the semi-final round. Such a meeting would put an official seal upon the metropolitan championship discussion. Fordham, with size and scoring

power as its outstanding recommendation finished the season with a truly formidable team. Bob Mullens established himself as one of the city's outstanding players, and George Chavero, the football hero, strengthened the team's offensive punch with a late season scoring spurge. Tony Karpowich was the team's highest scorer with 257 points while Mullens had 248.

Manhattan's season was the best enjoyed by a Kelly Green team in a generation. They won 18 out of 20, the most noteworthy triumphs being two over Niagara and one the local defeat imposed upon St. John's.

Their opponents, the Toledo University Rockets established their class with a 43 to 41 victory over LIU in the Garden two weeks ago. They played that night without their greatest player and scorer, Dave Minor who will be in shape to play in the tournament. Competent observers, including Osele Cowles, the Dartmouth coach, acclaim him as one of the country's greatest players.

## City Roars Love And Greetings To Barney Ross

By Nat Low

New York City gave Barney Ross his greatest ovation yesterday when the gallant hero of Guadalcanal stepped from a transport plane at LaGuardia Field yesterday afternoon for his first visit to the Big

## Fight Story and Ross Interview in Sunday WORKER

The Daily Worker went to press too early last night to carry the accounts of the fight at the Garden as well as the reception to Corp. Barney Ross. For complete story of both affairs, including an interview with Ross do not miss Sunday WORKER.

City since his return from the battlefields of the Pacific theatre of war.

The former lightweight and welterweight champion of the world, hobnobbing with the aid of a cane was greeted at the airport by thousands of people who gave him an ovation of tremendous proportions. After greetings from city officials, men in the sports field and Army officers, Barney was whisked downtown where he was the guest of honor at a special reception where Grantland Rice, dean of American sports writers, was chairman.

Ross, on furlough from the front, clearly showed the effects of his terrible experience on the island in the fight against the Japanese invaders. He hobbled about pathetically, his wounded leg barely keeping him up. His hair is practically all white and his face, although tanned from the hot sun, shows the strain of his ordeal.

His visit has caused an unprecedented stir among the people—millions of whom know him as a gallant prize fighter who carried his gallantry into the bigger and far important fight against fascism.

He is the sporting world's first great hero of the war—a man whom his fighting comrades swear by and call the "Fightingest Marine of them all."

After the numerous greetings and honors, Barney retired to a hotel to rest before appearing at the Garden before the Elvins-Maurilio fight last night.

The prospect of seeing Ross in person completely sold out the Garden and Mike Jacobs announced that he had gotten thousands of requests for tickets which he could not fill.

## Now Leading Army Ski Battalion



Torger Tokle, the ski champion of the Americas, is now leading the newly created ski-forces of the United States Army. Tokle, a native of Norway, has been the ski jump champion of the world for four years and is allowed to work in the Army's ski forces where he thought it would do the most good.

The Army now has thousands of fighting men on skis, who have been applying the lessons of the mighty Red Army which was the first to put their entire Army on skis. Here is a shot of Tokle in action before he entered the Army.

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and the Worker are 10c per line (10 words to a line—3 times minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 1 P.M. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

### Tonight

**Manhattan**  
KEY OF V Folk Festival. Earl Robinson, Richard Dyer-Bennett, Josh White, Ledbelly, Radcliffe Dancers, Anita Alvarez, American Peoples Chorus, Horace Grenell, conducting. Folk Music. 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## CHANGE THE WORLD

Pull Up the Curtain:  
Let's See the Guilty  
Behind Standley

By MIKE GOLD

The worst thing about this Admiral Standley business is not that he is either a great ass or a great Nazi.

Why was such a man appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union, most vital point of our whole foreign service? That is the true question.

Isn't there something rotten in a State Department than can appoint such a stupid appeaser and Soviet-hater precisely to this post?

Loy Henderson, pal of Eugene Lyons of the Goebbels Anti-Komintern Klub, is at present chief of Russian affairs in our State Department.

Recently, after a visit to the Soviet Union, Loy Henderson saw Lyons almost immediately after returning to Washington.

The two anti-Sovieters were closeted for some time, the newspapers said. Was Loy giving a confidential report on his travels? Or was Lyons helping Henderson lay out the next steps of the campaign to destroy the Soviet Union in war or peace?

Such questions must be asked. It is a patriotic duty. Americans have a right to their suspicions about Soviet-haters like Loy Henderson, William C. Bullitt, and others in the State Department.

Admiral Standley must not be made scapegoat for this State Department game. That is the duty of the State Department. He is their stooge. He is clumsy, but no more guilty than they are. All of them must be kicked out of American life like the Munichers they are. Their labor to turn the war on Hitler into a war against the Soviet Union has endangered our victory. It also promises to prevent world peace.

The Uncle Shylock spirit made Europe sour on us after the last war.

Cal Coolidge's America insisted that every penny of the money we lent our Allies in the war be returned, with the full legal rate of interest.

When France and England grumbled, we failed to understand. "They hired the money, didn't they?" spoke Cal Coolidge, in clipped accents of a witty New England slave trader.

Yes, they hired the money. But it was not for fun or frolic. It was for saving civilization from the Hun. That is what the people of France and England believed. And America acknowledged it was a worthy cause, and that America must also join to stop the Hun.

Hence, the transaction was no longer a pawn broker or banker's transaction, but a debt in the world war for democracy.

The French particularly felt bitter about the matter. France, a nation of forty million population, lost over a million and a quarter young men by death, a whole generation of its young people. Every family in France lost a son, a husband or a father.

If you have been in France since the last world war, you will remember the mutilated ex-soldiers still encountered in every bus and street car. France paid a terrible price in tears, in family tragedy, in the grief of a nation of orphans and young widows, in the sorrow of millions of bereaved fathers and mothers. How can you weigh such an ocean of human tears? How can you estimate it in dollars? What is the legal rate of interest on a broken heart?

America lost fewer soldiers in that war than it loses in a normal year of auto accidents. But France lost a whole generation of its youth. France spent its youth to save America's youth. Not willingly, but that is how it worked out.

Hence, it seemed like sheer ingratitude and unfeeling Shylockism when American bankers tried to put the squeeze on France and insisted on every dollar of the loan.

Some bitter Frenchmen said, "Shall we in turn charge America for the lives of our boys? Shall we place a fixed price on each death, each honorable wound? Shall we charge America a rental for every field their soldiers used for a camp or a cemetery?"

History repeats itself. Right or wrong, the Russians today feel something like the French of yesterday. America is sending a great amount of tanks, cannon and planes. But this is a cash transaction that cannot be the substitute of a fighting front which alone can save Russian lives and hasten the final victory.

The Soviet press and Soviet government gave a vast publicity to this American aid, and Admiral Standley was a double-barreled, agitational liar when he said the opposite was true.

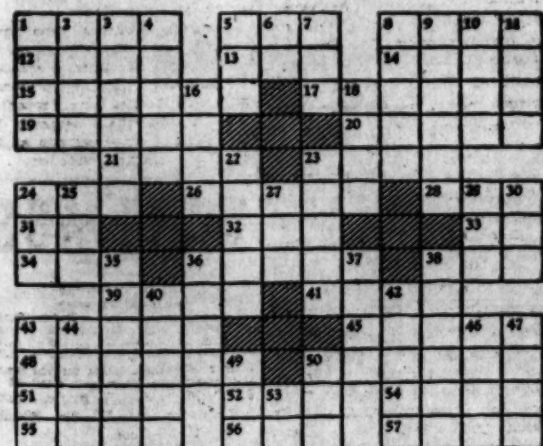
But what may have escaped the Admiral was the fact that material aid alone did not satisfy the fathers and mothers of the young Russia that was dying in defense of young America.

Such as Admiral Standley do not even acknowledge that Russia fights for America and it is not we who are helping them, but they are those who are saving us from Hitler.

Such as Admiral Standley are the Uncle Shylocks of the present conflict. They believe American dollars can buy and bribe us into a pre-arranged peace even with Hitler. But the Russians know and act differently.

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

(Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- Former Russian ruler
  - Once around track
  - A defensive work
  - An airplane
  - Turkish title
  - Arrow
  - Poison
  - Posture
  - To tell
  - The silver-weed
  - Ranched
  - A deed
  - Muck
  - A room in a harem
  - Captured
  - A rodent
  - Japanese marine measure
  - Gold monetary unit of Lithuania
  - To depart
  - Years old
  - One who casts a ballot
  - Deep mist
  - To read
  - To agitate
- VERTICAL**
- To throw
  - A Greek letter
  - A Philippine island tree
  - To cleanse with water, after washing
  - New Guinea
  - A youngster
  - Native metallic compound (pl.)
  - Pertaining to a thread
  - A wild ass
  - Network of nerves
  - Set up as a golf ball
  - A pouch
  - Ireland
  - Bird's claw
  - Measure of distance
  - Anglo-Saxon coin
  - To excavate
  - Set of implements
  - Time past
  - To deck out
  - To accompany
  - Container for flowers
  - To frost
  - To find
  - Witless
  - Parlor game of chance
  - Molten rock
  - A mine entrance
  - Otherwise
  - Places
  - A drunkard
  - Unencountered
  - A negative

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

LAO PAL SCENE  
ADO AKA HEROD  
RIN CANDIDATE  
GOSH MARNE  
ESTIMATE SCAB  
REIMATE OCA  
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## The Skinny Kid

A STURDY LITTLE AMERICAN IN COMBAT WITH A NAZI

HE WAS skinny and ill fed. Hejected in the draft. Not husky enough for defense work. He grew up with millions of depression's children, like the little sparrows who hop about on the frozen streets of New York and somehow survive though no one shelters or feeds them.

He hoped about before his little newstand at 42nd Street, trying to keep warm. His skinny hands and face were blue with cold like the skin of a plucked chicken, but his eyes were black and bright as a bird's.

Joe was talking earnestly to him, like a father to a son, but the kid's eyes weren't listening. They were darting after the people hurrying up and down the street, with a bright, objective interest.

"So you don't like the Daily News and the Chicago Trib. Okay. They're poison. Maybe they like the fascists. Okay. But you're runnin'."

Irene Paull, a frequent contributor to the columns of the Daily Worker, is a member of the editorial staff of "Midwest Labor"—a trade union newspaper published in Duluth, Minn.

a newstand. You gotta make a livin'. A guy asks for the Daily News. What kind of business is this? You gotta give the customers what they want. He don't get it from you, so you're sittin' right behind eight ball."

An old man was shuffling painfully along the street, every nerve taut against New York's unaccustomed cold. His stiff, ungloved hands lost their grip on the package he was carrying and it fell to the ground. The kid darted forward like a squirrel, restored the package to the old man's arms, and darted back, hopping about, blowing on his hands.

"You ain't even listenin'." Joe said with patient reproach.



Donald Duck in South America. Scene from "Saludos Amigos."

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"Why don't you go lay an egg," the kid said briefly.

"I'm talkin' for your own good," Joe persisted. "You wanna starve to death—or you wanna wrap your stomach around a good steak?"

"My stomach don't want no steaks. I got my stomach trained good. What you botherin' me for? Why don't you go back to the pool hall an' pick on somebody your size? I told you I ain't sellin' nobody no poison."

"They don't get it from you, so they get it from the next guy." "Let 'em get it from the next guy."

"You're nuts." "Okay, I'm nuts. I'm no good for the Army. I ain't even food for makin' bombs. But I got pals dyin' all over this damned world. An' you want me to sell these poison sheets that keep snipin' at my pals. Maybe if I got a million bucks or something... but for a cent a copy I don't sell no dope. I ain't no penny ante skunk. Scram."

THERE was a customer fumbling with the papers... he was listening to the argument. You could feel him listening. Joe shrugged and walked away. The customer was a big guy, with eyes like a thug. His mouth was a thin blue line drawn in a square, pasty face. He caught the kid's eyes and tried to hold them like a snake holds a frog, but the bright eyes slipped from his iron gaze and glanced away.

"What'll ya have, mister?" "Daily News," the guy said. The voice held a challenge. He tried to catch the kid's eyes again in his vice-like glance.

"Sorry, mister," the kid said, getting the challenge, and a slight

smile wrinkled the tight skin of his skinny face. "It ain't been translated yet... from d'German..." Their eyes met in deadly combat. The snake was staring every ounce of its deadly charm. The frog refused to be petrified.

His pasty face reddening with anger, the big guy stepped so close he was almost upon the kid, as if in a moment, he would tear him apart.

"Jew!" he spat.

"Nazi!" the kid spat back.

"Till fix your clock," the big guy said softly, almost in a whisper.

"Tell it to Father Coughlin... an' Adolf Hitler," the kid said.

"Watch out," said the big guy. He moved away. The kid wiped the sweat from his face. He stretched his neck. He felt as if the big guy had had his hands on his throat, choking him.

THEY picked the kid up one night in the alley of a tenement. He was a mess. They sent him to the county hospital. He had taken an awful beating but for some reason that the doctor could not understand and had no time to debate, he recovered quickly. His eyes had never lost their brightness. They had such alertness, such optimism, one felt that within his poor, sick, battered little body he was strong, alive and well and had never been hurt. Eight days later he was on his feet, wobbly, like a sick bird. Two days later he was at his newstand.

The kid felt him standing there before he actually looked up and saw him. He felt himself choking, as if two hammy hands were closing on his throat. A cold sweat



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broke out all over him. Then he looked up and saw him there, the big guy, the guy who had said, "Till fix your clock." He never knew what hit him in the alley. At the first blow he had gone out like a light. But this big guy had said, "Till fix your clock." "I ain't even good for makin' bombs," he could hear himself saying to himself, over and over inside of him. "My pals are dyin' all over this damned world."

"Olimpie a Daily News," the big guy said. Triumph lay fat and greasy on his face.

"Jimmy died in burnin' oil when they got his ship. The sharks got Frank. Sam died on Wake Island fightin' to the last. All my pals are

fighting fascists..." the kid's thoughts rambled on.

"Come on, Jew..." the big guy's voice came down like a blow on his head. He felt its impact physically. His little beaten body ached with pain from head to foot. He could feel the sweat prickling all over him.

"Wanna 'nother workout?" the big guy said.

The kid straightened up. He looked the big guy in the face. The big guy tried to catch his eyes and hold them like a snake holds a frog.

"Sorry, mister," the kid said, a slight smile wrinkled the tight skin of his bruised and swollen face, but it ain't been translated yet... from d'German..."

## Anti-Soviet Films Withdrawn

By Ivor Montagu

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
LONDON, March 12. — Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the American film producers of "Ninotchka" and "Comrade X," which were being used in Finland as anti-Soviet propaganda, has wired its London office announcing that these films have at last been withdrawn from circulation.

American Daily Worker readers may recall that the showing of "Ninotchka" and "Comrade X" had aroused wide protest among the British public. We over here were especially aroused because the Axis radios were chattering that the USA was anti-Communist, and that at all opposed to the present policies of Finland, since these films were still being shown in Helsinki.

I cabled MGM personally, pointing out that whether these motion pictures were originally anti-Soviet, or innocently-intended was now irrelevant.

MGM's London office then received a cable from MGM in New York, saying:

"Because of conditions here, we have not had close supervision over Finland business. Cabled Sweden today to instruct Finland withdrawal 'Ninotchka' and 'Comrade X' from the market at once, destroy all the prints, and confirm the action."

London Daily Worker circles consider this a clear-cut victory.

Argentinita Dances New Program at Carnegie

Argentinita will feature seven new items in her program and two new members in her company of Spanish dancers and musicians when she makes her only Carnegie Hall appearance of the season on Sunday evening, March 21.

First among the new numbers is "Sierra Granada" and "Fiesta," a song and dance by Garcia Lora, sung by Argentinita and performed by the entire company. "Fiesta" consists of three different Flamenco dances: the Farruca, Seguirilla Gitana and Bulerias.

Another new song and dance in the popular vein is the Castilian Fandango, a solo by Argentinita. She will also present a solo number, "Leyenda," by Albeniz, rendered first on the piano by Alejandro Villalba, a new addition to the company, and then danced by her with only vocal accompaniment using only heel taps ("Tacones") and castanets to maintain the rhythm.

THE GHOST HAD HORNS... "At the Overseas Press Club yesterday, Isaac Don Levine admitted that he was the ghost writer of the General Krivitsky series which ran in the Sat. Eve. Post and that he helped inspire Jan Valtin's 'Out of the Night'."

—From Leonard Lyons' column in the New York Post.

## Metropolitan Ballet Around Town This Weekend

Stars Zorina

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## The French Call

A GUERRILLA communique from France! A new battle front of the liberation movement has been opened, manned by an embryo army of guerrillas and partisans.

The first communique of this new front reports that 250 German soldiers were killed when the guerrillas derailed a troop train traveling east, perhaps directly to the Soviet Front. Almost 1,000 Nazi troopers have been killed by the patriot fighters. In the months of December and January alone 14 troop and munition trains were wrecked.

The French patriots know how to take advantage of the transfer of German divisions from the west to the Soviet Front.

The appearance of organized guerrilla and partisan fighters, under a central command, signifies that the liberation struggle in France is reaching a new stage of armed resistance.

General DeGaulle's call for the immediate opening of the second front is linked with the new favorable opportunity in France, where the people are impatient to join their revolt with the invasion.

We must strike before Hitler has an opportunity to stabilize the position on the Eastern Front and while the Red Army's offensive in the center is still progressing. Two-front war now will mean the total defeat of Hitler in 1943.

The French guerrilla communique should help inspire the movement of labor and the people for the second front now.

## Lease-Lend Vote

ONLY six members of the entire American Congress, House and Senate combined, dared to vote against the renewal of lease-lend shipments to the Soviet Union as well as to Britain and China.

Swiftly following the Standley incitement against our Soviet ally, there rose up throughout the country an immense wave of popular indignation at the unjustified sniping at our Soviet ally, a popular feeling so great that Congressmen of every type of political thought had to note it and vote to repudiate the Standley position.

At the same time, leading government diplomats applauded Soviet Ambassador Litvinoff at the banquet called officially to celebrate the two-year anniversary of the lease-lend program, when he said:

"Supplies received through lease-lend have been of enormous help, and as such, deeply appreciated by the people of the Soviet Union who are fully aware of its extent."

Mr. Stettinius revealed in his report to Congress yesterday that the proportion of our shipments to the Soviet Union has risen from 6 to 29 per cent of the total war aid, and pledged that this trend would continue.

Obviously, the Soviet front is far and away the most active against the Nazis, and it is there that our aid produces the most immediate benefits to America and the United Nations.

The country knows this, and this explains why the efforts of the Republican defeatists in Congress to cripple the lease-lend bill yesterday by amendments and reservations failed miserably.

The victory for lease-lend proves that the administration can win victories for its policies in Congress provided a fight is made.

When the President greeted the renewal of lease-lend by declaring that "we will strike again and again," he was speaking the minds of most Americans, we believe.

In the combination of our lease-lend and our own military assault upon Hitler from the west is the guarantee of the swiftest victory.

## Puerto Rico

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S proposal now before Congress to grant Puerto Ricans the right to elect their Governor should receive the support of the win-the-war forces in this country. It is a partial recognition of the immediate and pressing necessity of recognizing the right of self-determination for the Puerto Rican nation.

The proposed reform, however, does not answer the unanimous petition of the Insular Legislature, which requested President Roosevelt and the U. S. Congress to put an end to the colonial status and recognize the right of the people democratically to determine their own political destiny. Nor does the President's proposal reflect the full spirit of the Atlantic Charter which, as he has emphasized, applies to all parts of the world.

The immediate and full application of the principles of the Charter to Puerto Rico is not a post-war but a war necessity for the American people. Involved is not only the strengthening of our bonds with the Puerto Rican people for the purposes of mutual security, but the extension and reinforcement of democratic friendship with all of Latin America.

The recognition now of Puerto Rico's independence would also have world-wide repercussions in giving a lead to the settlement of other pressing problems in the spirit of the Charter, especially India.

The proposal for an elective governor, therefore, cannot be accepted as a "settlement" of the Puerto Rican question. It is an important reform measure which should be supported, while placing the main emphasis upon immediate and complete independence.

## Poll Tax Fight

BAD NEWS for the poll tax system which deprives millions of southern whites and Negroes of the right to vote, is the announcement of a Congressional committee to launch a fight for the Marcantonio anti-poll tax bill.

The new committee of eight members crosses all party lines. It has already succeeded in getting nearly 50 of the required 218 signatures for a debate and action in the House.

There is no reason why there should not be a rapid securing of the remaining signatures, since scores who signed the petition last year in Congress have not yet signed, and as for the others, their constituents undoubtedly approve the abolition of the undemocratic poll tax.

The poll tax system protects a number of reactionaries in Congress who are blocking the war effort. Its repeal would not only help the war by notifying the world that America is removing one of the relics of discrimination aimed at the Negro people; it would also remove some of the most active disrupters of the war effort now operating with impunity in leading Congressional committees. You can help the war effort by acting to get your organization and community to urge your Congressman to sign the petition on the poll tax.



## THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

# Behind Standley's Blast

By Adam Lapin

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ON OCT. 28 of last year newspapers throughout the country printed Washington stories which carried the very broad implication that the Russian people were being misled by their leaders.

The Washington Post attributed its story to "a reliable informant." The New York Times pinned its report on "informed opinion."

All the stories were virtually identical. An anonymous source was quoted as saying that Stalin and the other Soviet leaders knew very well that the Roosevelt-Churchill-Molotov agreement didn't mean that there was a definite commitment to open a second front in 1942. But the Soviet leaders, so the stories went, did not make this clear to their people who believed that a second front would be opened and were therefore disappointed when the continent was not invaded.

In other words, the Soviet leaders were indicted for having deceived their people. Apparently they should have issued public statements explaining that the agreement to open a second front in 1942 didn't mean what it said.

ALL of this sounds very similar to Admiral Standley's statement in Moscow to the effect that the Soviet leaders were withholding from their people information about the extent of American aid to the Soviet Union.

As the reader has probably guessed, there is a good reason for this similarity. The source in both cases was the same.

Admiral Standley himself was the "reliable informant" who told State Department reporters at an off-the-record press conference that the Russian people were being kept in the dark on the second front issue. This was during his visit to the United States last year.

The Ambassador softened his criticism at this press conference by praising the heroism and determination of the Red Army. But a short time later at an off-the-record luncheon Standley went much further.

This time he went into some detail to express his pique with the Soviet Union. It seemed that the

Russians are inefficient and ridden by red-tape and secret police and their cities are dirty and slovenly.

A few weeks after Standley made these uncomplimentary remarks, an article under Standley's signature appeared in the Army and Navy Journal paying a glowing tribute to the Red Army and the Soviet Union.

There was a marked difference between the public and private statements of the man who is now being described in the press as a frank, bluff sea dog.

WHEN Standley was appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union about a year ago, the general understanding here was that he was to serve not so much as a diplomat but rather as a supply officer. This was the job for which Standley's experience appeared to have equipped him.

It was believed here that matters of high diplomacy would be taken up by President Roosevelt with Soviet Ambassador Litvinoff and vice versa, while Standley would be in charge of making our Lend-Lease shipments to the Soviet Union as effective as possible.

After Standley's visit to Washington last year, there was reason to doubt his fitness to perform even this limited function. At best, he seemed a cantankerous old man who found Soviet plumbing faulty and the weather too cold for comfort.

But the situation has now become far too serious to explain in terms of the peculiar quirks of a retired admiral. Whether he knows it or not, Standley's remarks on the Soviet Union have begun to fit into a definite pattern of disruption.

In the first place, he has both privately and publicly questioned the sincerity and good faith of the Soviet government. In the second place, he has obviously tried to interfere with the internal affairs of the Soviet Union.

Standley was actually attempting to tell the Russians how to run their newspapers and radio stations. Quite apart from Standley's distortion of the plain fact that the Soviet people have been told about American lend-lease shipments, it is a most unusual thing for an Ambassador to criticize the entire press and radio of the country to

which he is assigned.

Imagine the furor if Litvinoff were to make a public speech attacking not all the newspapers in the United States but just the New York Daily News and the Chicago Tribune.

MOST important of all, Standley has displayed a complete lack of understanding of the most elementary principles of coalition warfare. He doesn't seem to realize that we're in this war too, and that we ought to be doing a good deal more than just sending supplies to an ally. It is Standley's idea that lend-lease is an act of generosity on the part of Congress for which the Russians should be eternally grateful.

This is also Ham Fish's idea. Ham Fish made a speech the other day insisting that lend-lease is a "one-way street" and that there has not been and will not be any substantial return from our Allies. Those who make this point forget that a good many million Russians have gone down a one-way street from which they won't come back.

The repudiation of Standley by Sumner Welles and the administration's foreign policy spokesmen in Congress has averted a very serious incident indeed. It is quite clear that Standley was not speaking for the President or the State Department.

But it is entirely possible and perhaps even likely that Standley was speaking for the professional Soviet-haters in the government like Loy Henderson in the State Department and Bill Bullitt in the Navy Department.

There are two-bit Machiavellis in the State Department who no doubt figure that by attacking the Soviet Union we can win Franco over. These men appreciate the gratitude of a Franco who reciprocates for American oil by sending Spanish workers to German factories and by immobilizing a very substantial number of our troops on the border of Spanish Morocco.

It is high time for Admiral Standley to go back on the retired list. But he is not the only culprit. There are others in the State Department who should be given a chance to spend all their time playing golf and attending fashionable cocktail parties.

## The POLITICAL SCENE

# Lessons in Appreciation

By Milton Howard

THE "Affaire Standley" revealed two political facts:

Not only that the Munichite anti-Soviet forces in the United States are active, powerful, and desperate.

But also, that the forces for the correct line of American-Soviet collaboration are gaining strength and determination, and that the real role of our Soviet ally is being too profoundly impressed upon the minds of the American people for any of the hackneyed anti-Soviet slanders to be effective in the old way.

The Standley stupidities, false in fact and miserably crude in their political grasp of the nature of the United Nations alliance, revealed to the American people what they themselves perhaps were not fully aware of consciously—that is, how much they had unlearned the 25 years of systematic lying in this country about the Soviet government.

The nation was instantly shocked into a sense of alarm by the prospect of a weakening of American-Soviet relations. This was the new thing. It is the first time in our history that this happened.

Our country has been learning something of the truth about the Soviet Union only during the past year and a half.

Against these brief months there was the contrast of a quarter of a century of incitement, hate, and deep, deep ignorance.

Yet the brief experience of this truth has already had an ineradicable effect on the national mind. The country was startled into a sense not only of disgust at the cheap antics of an Ambassador who demands "appreciation" from the country which has knocked nine million Nazis out of the war at the cost of over five million of its own men, but it also was suddenly revealed to America how laggard we ourselves had been in appreciation of what the Soviet Union and the Red Army mean to the immediate security and democratic future of the United States.

Thus, while the Standley crowd had been needlessly trying to blackmail "appreciation" of Amer-

ica from the Soviet Union, they really effected a new sense of appreciation of the Soviet Union in the United States.

THIS was seen in the swift repudiation of Standley by Sumner Welles, acting for the State Department and the Government.

It was also seen in the sudden reversal in the political atmosphere in the halls of Congress.

There, for the past few weeks (exactly paralleling the advance of the Red Army against Nazi Germany) there had been rising an impudent baiting of our Soviet ally by every cheapjack politician who reckoned that it was safe again to revive the ranting anti-Soviet clichés which constitute their sole "thinking."

Mr. Standley had even waved his encouragement to this Soviet-baiting from afar by his hint that Congress would do well to stall the passage of lease-lend.

Twenty-four hours after Ambassador Standley had assumed command of the Congressional fight against lease-lend to the Soviet Union and Britain only six of the most hardened pro-Nazis in Congress could be found to dare to vote for his position against the avalanche of over four hundred votes junking the Standley advice.

It would seem that this 78th Congress, which had had its rollicking way of disruption almost unintermittently since January, sensed that something had arisen "overnight" in the United States which they had better not ignore.

It is not an insignificant development, is it, that the only occasion on which the present Congress has thus far been forced to heed the popular will has been on the question of American relations with the Soviet Union.

This can only signify that immense forces exist beneath the surface in America, ready for action and leadership in the struggle to rid America's house of those ghosts of Munichism which Earl Browder warned the country and the government, still haunt our actions and paralyze our fighting will.

THIS means that we must not permit ourselves to be hoodwinked as to what really happened in the Standley affair. We cannot let the New York Times trick us into believing that Mr. Standley's insult to our Soviet ally "did some good." Nor can we let ourselves be kidded into forgetting what happened by the smiling argument of Mr. Standley's other friends that it was all a harmless little joke, a tempest in a teapot.

Mr. Standley was flung into the world situation at this moment by the anti-Soviet, and therefore anti-American, forces operating in certain government circles to nullify the President's Casablanca decision to invade Europe. The plan was to thrust aside the Second Front decision behind a furious manufacture of a "problem" in our relations with the Soviet Union.

The calculation has temporarily failed. But that doesn't mean that it wasn't there.

Nor that it will not be tried again in new ways.

THE kernel of the Standley trick was to pretend that Stalin's insistent reminder to the United Nations on the obvious absence of a Second Front in Europe was caused by a lack of "appreciation" of our lease-lend aid. To Stalin's calm and factual statement the Standleyites could find no other reply than to insist on "publicity" for our lease-lend shipments which to them apparently constitutes our major contribution in the war. To evade the ruthless logic which leads to our invasion of Europe—this was the purpose of the Standley "appreciation" sideshow.

But unfortunately for these save-Hitler calculators, the iron necessity which leads America to an invasion of Europe is stronger than their tricks.

And Secretary of War Stimson's announcement—after the Standley outburst—that "we shall at once take the offensive and seize a number of priceless opportunities which are already opening up to us to end the war as quickly as possible" is also a reply to those Soviet-haters who hunger for Soviet appreciation.

## Kuban Prepares For the Spring

By J. PAVLOVSKY

MOSCOW, March 12 (ICN).—Spring has come into its own in the Kuban. The snow has long vanished from the fields. The season's work is at its height in the liberated Cossack villages, and the Kuban collective farmers are energetically preparing for the Spring sowing, repairing tractors, testing seed, fashioning harnesses. . . .

March 13 will mark one month since the Soviet troops rehoisted the Soviet flag over Krasnodar, the capital of the Kuban. With every day the front recedes farther and farther west. The Red Army units are persistently forging ahead, abutting the enemy against the sea.

Fighting on a narrow sector of the front, the enemy is exerting every effort to cling to the railways and highways and entrench on streams and inhabited points and the approaches thereto.

Deprived of elbow room and the possibilities for extensive maneuvering the Germans are losing one support point after another. The retreating enemy is furiously attempting to arrest the progress of the Soviet troops.

## NAZIS DESPERATE

Ignoring all losses, the fascists hurl sappers, communications squads, police detachments and the recuperating wounded into the counter-attacks. Sometimes they are supported by tanks and assault and bomber aircraft.

The roads, washed by the Spring floods, render the conduct of offensive operations extremely difficult. On many sectors of the front, the Red Army men wade waist deep in water and knee deep in mud.

The supply of ammunition is also coupled with great difficulties and is frequently lugged by the men and commander to the firing positions. But the troops continue to press forward.

Taking advantage of the bad roads the Germans are trying to force frontal battles on the Red Army, but these attempts end in failure. The skilfully maneuvering Soviet units locate the weakest and most vulnerable spots in the enemy defenses and deliver crushing flank blows.

## Oil at Maikop Will Soon Gush

MOSCOW, March 12 (ICN).—Restoration work is in full swing on the Maikop oil fields. Many oil workers only a few weeks ago put aside their guerrilla rifles and tommy guns.

In August of last year they withdrew together with Red Army units, and retreating into the mountains, made the Germans' life miserable by ceaseless raids. The explosion of the Maikop oil fields was one of the great, optimistic tragedies of the Summer of 1942. The hearts of the guerrillas contracted from pain. Having destroyed the oil fields, they vigilantly watched the Maikop oil, and vowed to die rather than let it fall into enemy hands.

And today, they are working with unprecedented enthusiasm to restore the ruined economy. Scores of hundreds of people are flocking to the oil fields from neighboring stantissas and hamlets. Mechanics and engineers have arrived. Here and there derricks are rising, wells are being drilled, compressors installed, sites cleared for auxiliary projects.

The oil workers are stubbornly overcoming the difficulties. All possible equipment is shaped by themselves, tools, parts and even machine tools being dug up from secret hiding places. A heat and power plant has been put into operation in the Khadyzhenskaya oil field. Oil has already been extracted in Neteskor. The oil workers have cleared several wells and in the near future, after tests are completed, the industrial exploitation of these wells is scheduled to begin.



"Now, Homer, I don't want to have to phone you again about making out a laundry list today!"

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